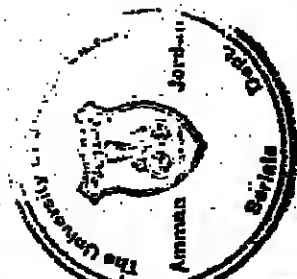


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Second day of Iraq-Iran direct talks

Tehran sets out its 'criteria for peace'

GENEVA, Aug. 26, (Agencies): Iran today seemed to be taking an early uncompromising line in the UN-sponsored peace talks with Iraq, pressing for the swift formation of an independent body to assign blame for the war and sticking to a border treaty that has been unilaterally renounced by the Baghdad leaders.

The Gulf foes resumed face-to-face talks this evening after meeting separately earlier in a move which had sparked diplomatic speculation their efforts to achieve a Gulf war peace had run into trouble.

"How long this meeting is going to last I cannot tell you," UN spokesman Francois Gulliani told reporters at 6 pm (1600 GMT). "It has just got under way a few minutes ago."

Plan

After a 2-1/2 hour formal opening session yesterday, the two sides left the negotiating chamber and met separately, with UN officials shuttling between the delegations.

The talks at arm's length prompted speculation among diplomats that Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and his Iraqi counterpart, Tariq Aziz, hit a snag in trying to thrash



Perez de Cuellar (right) greets Velayati. (Reuters wirephoto)

out ways of implementing a UN-sponsored peace plan.

"Things are not going brilliantly well," a Western diplomat said, adding that Iran and Iraq differed on the order in which the UN peace plan should be tackled.

But UN officials insisted the talks were going normally.

Perez de Cuellar met the two ministers before the direct talks resumed.

Tehran's position in the talks was laid out in a brief public

statement by Velayati on the second day of the negotiations aimed at a settlement widely predicted to be months, if not years away.

Velayati named three Iranian "valid criteria" for reaching a "comprehensive, just and honourable peace." They included the UN ceasefire Resolution 598, an "outline plan" prepared by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for implementing the resolution, and the 1975 Algiers Treaty between Iran and



Tariq Aziz

Iraq that was designed to settle centuries of border disputes between the two countries. That treaty was repudiated by President Saddam Hussein on Sept. 17, 1980.

Velayati did not elaborate on the "outline plan" in his brief statement in front of more than 100 reporters at the Geneva UN office. But he was evidently referring to a paper prepared by Perez de Cuellar last fall.

In a follow-up April 13 message to the Security Council,

which was later leaked to the press, the UN chief executive proposed specifically that "on D-Day (the official ceasefire date) the impartial body to inquire into responsibility for the conflict shall begin its work."

Promised

Iran has repeatedly stated that it was the promised formation of that body that made it eventually accept Resolution 598 last month. It expects the body to identify Iraq as the aggressor, a verdict that could also be the basis for reparation claims.

Iran also holds that the 1975 border treaty concluded between Iraq and Shah Reza Pahlavi has remained in force and that the unilateral repudiation by Baghdad is incompatible with international law.

The most contentious part of that treaty delineated the boundary along the 203-kilometre

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UN observer dies from sunstroke

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 26, (Reuters): A Danish officer observing the Gulf war ceasefire in Iraq died in a Baghdad hospital after suffering from sunstroke, a UN military spokesman said today.

Major Niels Stig Preben Andersen, 55, died yesterday.

Policeman jailed 10 years for rape

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a non-Kuwaiti policeman to 10 years' imprisonment with hard labour to be followed by deportation, for raping a female prisoner while transferring her from one police station to another.

The policeman was told to take the prisoner from Dasmia police station to Dabiyat Abdullah Al Salem police station, where female prisoners are kept.

According to the officer-in-charge, the accused after leaving the Dasmia police station with the woman at about 4.00 am, took her into the desert, where he beat her, caught her by the throat and raped her.

They finally arrived at their destination at about 5.05 am. Later the accused changed the arrival time in the record book from 5.05 am to 4.25 am.

However, the woman reported her ordeal to officers there and the case was investigated.

In the court, officers from both police stations testified that the accused was about one hour late and that he altered his recorded arrival time. A medical examination also proved that the woman was beaten and raped.

Security Council to meet on chemical weapons

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 26, (AP): The Security Council today called a meeting to denounce the use of chemical weapons in the Gulf war.

A draft of a British resolution offered to the council expressed dismay over the "continued use of chemical weapons in the conflict between Iran and Iraq."

In New York yesterday, Sir Crispin Tickell, the British Ambassador to UN, said the issue of whether a denunciation of the use of chemical weapons would complicate the peace talks in Geneva "must in some respect be secondary. The Security Council must take a very clear position on the horrors of chemical warfare without regard to whoever has used them most recently."

Subroto arrives in Kuwait

OPEC's Secretary-General Dr Subroto arrived in Kuwait yesterday.

He was received upon arrival by President of the Kuwaiti Oil Company, Abdel Malek Al Gharahally and Indonesia's ambassador to Kuwait. (See Page 12)

Israel to expel Arabs only in extreme cases

TEL AVIV, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Israel, responding to a US protest, has said it will expel Palestinian activists only in exceptional cases.

The Foreign Ministry yesterday evening formally replied to Washington's warning that bilateral relations would be damaged if Israel went ahead with the expulsion of more Palestinians from the occupied territories.

"We stressed that expulsions are unusual measures taken under unusual circumstances," spokesman Alon Liel said after a meeting at the American embassy in the head of the ministry's North American desk, Michael Shilo and the US Charge d'Affaires, John Becker.

Protested "We said that we will limit their use to extreme cases in which the person has taken part in or incited violence," Liel said. He added that expulsions had reduced violence and he asked American understanding of Israel's position.

In Washington, the State Department yesterday repeated the US protest, leaked earlier this week and described by one senior

Israeli official as unprecedentedly harsh.

Spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley told reporters the US was shocked by the number, which is approaching 60, and the fact that the expulsions are becoming the norm rather than the exception. She was referring to the 34 Arabs expelled since the Palestinian revolt erupted in December and deportation orders served on 25 more last week.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry is trying to delay the deportation of 25 Palestinians after the US protest, ministry sources said today.

They said the Foreign Ministry had in the past persuaded the Defence Ministry to reduce the number of deportees to cushion the blow to foreign relations.

Denied

"We warned the Ministry of Defence regarding certain reactions," said one source who asked not to be identified. "After this wave of protest we should be very, very careful of our image abroad."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir denied there was a crisis in relations with the United States. (Continued on Page 2)

Palestinian trade union centre closed

'Israeli soldiers are worse than animals'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 26, (Reuters): American human rights activists ending an Arab-sponsored stay in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip said yesterday that Israeli soldiers behaved worse than animals towards Palestinians.

The 12 Americans stayed for two weeks in Arab homes on a programme called Eyewitness, funded by the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), geared to show foreigners Palestinian life under Israeli military occupation.

Terrorism

Jacqueline Muth, a freelance writer from West Virginia, said she met a seven-year-old girl in a refugee camp whose teeth were knocked out and lip split by soldiers because she peeked out of her house during a curfew.

She called the soldiers worse than animals. Her colleagues nodded in agreement.

"Evidently they have no conscience whatsoever," she said. "I don't know how they can do these things."

Norman Finkelstein, a political science professor at Brooklyn College, said that on his first day in the West Bank Israeli plainclothes men shot dead a 12-year-old boy running beside him in the Jalazoun refugee camp.

"I cannot imagine circumstances that justify acts that can only be described as terrorism," he said, adding that the boy was running away at the time. "There is simply no excuse for the things that we saw."

As the group left Jalazoun after meeting Palestinians, the Army imposed a curfew.

"There was no pretence of giving a reason for it," said Finkelstein. "In my language, those curfews are taking villages hostage."

Israel today closed a key Pales-

tinian trade union centre for a year, saying it was involved in organising the uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Two more Palestinians died, one struck by a military jeep and the other succumbing in hospital to Army gunfire wounds, taking the death toll in the eight-month-old revolt to at least 265 Palestinians and four Israelis.

Inherited

The closure, part of a clampdown using sweeping emergency powers inherited from pre-1948 British rule in Palestine, was a blow to Palestinian efforts to establish parallel institutions in the occupied territories.

It came a day after the United States said it would consider withdrawing lucrative Israeli trade privileges because of a denial of trade union rights for Palestinians.

Right-wing Industry and

Chief-of-staff pledges support for elections

Stay out of politics, Pakistan Army told

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Pakistan's new Army chief, General Mirza Aslam Beg, yesterday told the military — which has ruled the country for more than half its 41 years of existence — to stay out of politics.

The official APP news agency said Beg, speaking eight days after the suspected assassination of military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, told senior officers the security and integrity of Pakistan was the sole concern of the armed forces.

The general pledged his support for elections scheduled for Nov. 16.

Offing

Beg referred to Pakistan's "march towards the cherished goal of democracy." Pakistani observers could not recall a senior serving officer making such a strong commitment to civilian rule and democracy.

The Army has seized power three times since independence from Britain in 1947. Earlier this week rumours swept the country that another coup, against civilian acting President Ghulam



Gen. Beg

Ishaq Khan, was in the offing. Beg, the Chief of Army Staff, paid tribute to his predecessor and termed his death in an unexplained plane crash a conspiracy, APP said.

He also referred to what he called threatening statements made by a Soviet spokesman and by Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi two and four days before the Aug. 17 crash.

He said the Army had no lust

for power. "He advised the armed forces to keep aloof from politics and said that it was the sole domain of the politicians," APP said.

Former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo welcomed today the pledge from Beg to help restore elected government.

"I think it is a positive statement by a general," Junejo said in an interview. "I think he wanted to give forthright guidelines to the military."

Reflecting

"He is the first commander of the Army who is not involved in politics," Junejo said. "He is purely an Army officer."

Respected newspaper columnist Mushahid Hussain said Beg was clearly reflecting Army thinking. But he said the speech also seemed to be setting an agenda as to how the country should be run.

The Army chief gave strong support to the cause of Afghan anti-communist rebels and to Pakistan's close relationship

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Elections will be held on schedule: Ishaq Khan

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan declared today that there would be no deviation on Pakistan's road to democracy and urged political leaders to co-operate.

In a television address to mark the end of the 10-day mourning period for military President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, he urged people to forget their petty differences and hurry their prejudices.

Ishaq Khan, 73, said elections will be held on schedule on Nov. 16 and pledged that power would be handed over after polls in accordance with the constitution.

"I am sure that the election results will be accepted by the nation with an open mind," he said.

He was speaking a day after the new Army chief had thrown his support behind the elections and transition to a civilian government after Zia's 11-year rule.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Muslim League (PML), which governed under Zia from 1986 to last May, split in two. A faction of Zia proteges including at least six current ministers met to choose a new party leadership.

The rival faction led by former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo, who was sacked by the late President in May, said the meeting was illegal.

Conceded

The Muslim League was expected to offer the main challenge to opposition leader Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in the November polls and political observers said the split should improve her chances. PML members said the party leadership had been offered to Ishaq Khan, the Senate chairman, in a bid to bridge the gap. He did not accept the offer.

Some 8,000 people, including Afghan guerrillas, attended a rally in Rawalpindi to pay their respects to Zia at the end of the

official mourning period.

In his 15-minute address, Ishaq Khan conceded that Pakistan, where the Army has seized power three times, had a poor record of observing the constitution.

But the authorities had shown their determination in the peaceful transfer of power at Zia's death on Aug. 17.

"We have a constitution and we have complete faith in democracy," he said. "No departure from the constitutional path is thus permissible."

"In all these difficult stages of the journey to democracy, I will need full co-operation from you and political leaders," he told the nation.

"I am sure that I will get from you not only prayers but your practical co-operation."

Benazir and other opposition leaders have promised to support Ishaq Khan in following the constitution and seek to avoid any action which might antagonise the military.

Widow freed on bail

Political row over murder of Modi

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Allegations of illicit sex and political muck-raking are emerging in the Indian media as police investigate the murder of national badminton hero Syed Modi.

Modi's widow, Amita, was freed on bail today after being questioned for six days by detectives investigating who shot the 25-year-old athlete on July 28 after a training session in the north Indian city of Lucknow.

The Press Trust of India news agency said Amita, 24, was ordered not to leave New Delhi, where she had been interrogated by detectives from the Central Bureau of Investigation.

Indian reporters have written that detectives investigating the case told them Amita was having an affair with family friend Sanjay Singh, once close to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi but now a leading opposition figure.

Affair

The detectives were quoted as saying the affair was revealed in diaries and letters seized from Modi's house and that a car in which the assassins travelled to kill Modi belonged to a close associate of Singh.

Amita has described the reports as "a cock and bull story," denying she had an affair with Singh and saying she did not believe he was behind her husband's murder.

Sanjay said Amita was simply his best friend's wife and also denied any sexual involvement.

He has accused Rajiv of trying to frame him because of his involvement with the opposition Jan Morcha (people's front) set up by disgruntled former members of the prime minister's ruling Congress (I) Party.

Sanjay is married to a niece of Vishwanath Pratap Singh, founder of the Jan Morcha.

Sanjay is one of the Jan Morcha's main supporters in Uttar Pradesh state, which elects 85 of the country's 544 members of parliament.

Police searched Sanjay Singh's home earlier this week but said they could not track him down to question him.

Sanjay surfaced in New Delhi on Tuesday and held a news conference to proclaim his innocence.

On Thursday he went to meet police interrogators in Lucknow, capital of Uttar Pradesh, accompanied by India's top opposition leaders in a cavalcade of 30 cars.

Denying

Sanjay is the son of the late Raja of Amethi and wields considerable influence in his father's former principality.

Amethi is also Rajiv's parliamentary constituency and Sanjay has pledged to use his influence to ensure the prime minister loses in general elections due by the end of 1989.

The government issued a statement denying the Modi investigation was being used for political purposes.

Brunei's Sultan: the richest person

NEW YORK, Aug. 26, (AP): The Sultan of the tiny, oil-rich nation of Brunei is the world's richest person, worth an estimated \$25 billion, Fortune Magazine reports.

Following is the Mars candy-making family of the United States, worth \$12.5 billion, the magazine said.

Fourth is Britain's Queen Elizabeth II with \$8.7 billion. Next is the Newhouses, whose communications holdings are worth \$8 billion. In sixth place is retail King Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart Stores, and family, worth \$7.4 billion. Seventh is Canada's Reichmann family, worth \$7.4 billion in assets that range from swank New York real estate to interests in railroads and utilities.

Eighth is Kenneth Irving and family, a Canadian clan that owns 400 companies worth \$6.2 billion. Ninth is Kenneth Thomson and family, Canadian owners of a publishing, retailing, energy and real estate empire worth \$6 billion. And in 10th place is Gerald Grosvenor and family, British land barons worth \$5.4 billion.

Chinese jets

NEW DELHI, Aug. 26, (KUNA): China has provided Pakistan with three squadrons of F-7P fighter planes recently, it was reported here today.

These aircraft were delivered to Pakistani authorities in Lhasa capital of Tibet.

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with the United States. He also stressed the need for an "objective, selfless and clean" political leadership.

Beg, 57, who was promoted from Vice-Chief of Army Staff within hours of Zia's death, said Pakistan was passing through the most critical period of its history.

"We will have to make right decisions as there is no room for ill-planned steps in such difficult situations," he said.

Ishtaq Khan, who as senate chairman assumed the presidency under the constitution, had said the armed forces chiefs supported his commitment to constitutional rule. But Beg's one-hour speech was the first direct confirmation.

Emergency
The Army chief said he had agreed to Ishtaq Khan's declaration of emergency on Zia's sudden death so that no one could exploit the situation and harm the country.

The armed forces would continue this role till the elections and the establishment of an elected government. APP quoted him as saying. It was not clear whether this meant the state of emergency would remain in force until November.

A joint US-Pakistani team is investigating the plane crash, which Pakistani officials suspect was caused by a bomb, missile or technical sabotage. But no findings have yet been published officially.

Tehran sets ...

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(127-mile) Strait of Hormuz, Iraq's only access to the open sea. It made the median line the boundary for the whole length of the disputed area, granting Iran its claim to the eastern half of the waterway.

Meanwhile at the UN both Iran and Iraq accused each other of new ceasefire violations in letters to Perez de Cuellar.

The alleged incidents ranged from the killing of an Iraqi soldier on Aug 20 by Iranian gunfire to an Iranian complaint that Iraqi forces poured oil onto the Konjam-Cham road to Mehran on Aug 21, blocking access to Iranian military traffic.

Thousands rally in Rangoon to demand democracy

Burmese regime near collapse

RANGOON, Aug 26, (Reuters): The daughter of Burma's national hero Aung San demanded today that the socialist government resign immediately, as the regime appeared near collapse.

But at a jubilant mass rally she also declared that discipline was essential to achieve democracy. "Democracy can only be obtained in a peaceful and unified way," Aung San Suu Kyi, a rallying figure for the rampant opposition, told hundreds of thousands of people gathered on a slope beneath the gleaming golden Shwedagon Pagoda, Burma's holiest Buddhist shrine.

Referendum
It was a day of high emotion and confusion among the throngs sweeping the capital, with diplomats sensing a growing concern that the leaderless opposition could lose its way now that its goal of toppling the 26-year socialist state was within reach.

Aung San Suu Kyi, roared on by a crowd waving banners and flags, said unity must be maintained between the people and the Army, which withdrew from the streets when martial law was lifted on Wednesday.

Heavy monsoon rains soaked

The BBC said security forces opened fire to quell prison riots killing 1,000 inmates.

It said prisoners set fire today to buildings at Insein jail, 13 kilometres (eight miles) north of Rangoon. The prisoners demonstrated for the return of democracy.

Maung Maung, leader of the ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), bowed to the demands of the national uprising, setting a timetable for a referendum to approve restoration of the pluralist democracy abandoned after the 1962 coup.

Aung San Suu Kyi, one of several personalities emerging in the opposition, said it was too late for a referendum, proposed for Sept 12.

An interim government the people can trust must be formed to hold general elections as soon as possible," she said.

Her speech was poorly heard through an inefficient public address system. It was delivered at the site of an historic speech by Aung San himself in 1946, the year before he was assassinated in the run-up to independence from Britain.

Heavy monsoon rains soaked

the crowds and many went home, although thousands of others formed groups that danced and chanted their way through the old city's streets.

The demonstrators have risen up across the country of nearly 40 million people, defying threats and wild street shooting by the Army, to force two socialist leaders from power in the last month.

Diplomats said if the pressure was maintained on the tattered remains of Maung Maung's party and government, it would collapse. "I think it will go down," a Western ambassador said.

As police and intelligence units joined the marchers, another diplomat said: "It is more and more likely they will have to give up."

Burma has been paralysed by the insurrection and a national strike. Rangoon port stood idle. No newspapers were published. Government officials marched with the demonstrators. Train and bus services were disrupted.

"You could go so far as to say there is no administration in Rangoon any more and we are hearing the same from the other cities," the diplomat said.

Local residents have set up neighbourhood committees to assume responsibility for security of each district.

Discipline

Students leaders lent their voices to calls for maintaining discipline as the government teeters on the brink and concern grew over a possible breakdown of services.

A Burma Airlines flight to Bangkok was cancelled and airline staff joined the demonstrators but it was not clear whether the airport itself was still functioning.

Diplomats, expecting a quieter weekend, said the lack of an obvious leader among the protesters was beginning to be felt.

"There is a weird and rather uneasy feeling in Rangoon. Many people have started to worry about the future," a Western diplomat said.

Residents said that now police and troops had been pulled out, there was concern about banditry and looting.

At Insein Prison, where 2,750 people detained during earlier protests were released, jailers shot several long-term criminal prisoners who rioted in one wing, diplomats said.



Demonstrators shake hands with soldiers who emerged from behind wire barricades when the government lifted martial law in Rangoon. (Reuters wirephoto)

NATO suffers serious damage

East bloc spy ring smashed

BONN, Aug 26, (Reuters): A tip from US officials led to the smashing of a spy ring in West Germany, Sweden and elsewhere in Western Europe — a network Bonn said had inflicted serious damage on NATO.

Eight arrests have been made so far.

Security officials said yesterday the first arrest was of retired US Army sergeant (E) Lee Conrad at his home in Kaiserslautern, site of a major American base, on Tuesday after a tip-off from the United States.

Conrad sold NATO ground war contingency and supply plans to Hungarian intelligence agents and possibly to other East bloc countries for large sums of money, said Alexander Pechtel, a spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office.

The harm done by Conrad — who had access to NATO war contingency plans — and his spy ring, made this a "very serious

case," one West German security official said.

Conrad, 42, served at the Bad Kreuznach base south of Bonn for seven years until he retired from the US Army in 1985. He had been spying since at least 1980, Pechtel said.

As administrator of a confidential military archive at Bad Kreuznach, Conrad had wide access to top secret Western defence plans, Pechtel added.

In Stockholm, two Swedish doctors of Hungarian origin admitted spying against NATO for Hungarian intelligence services, a Swedish prosecutor said.

"They have admitted they were recruited by Hungary as agents and worked against NATO," prosecutor Sven Olof

Hakansson told Swedish Television.

He said he believed the two unidentified doctors had operated as couriers for Conrad's spy ring, passing his secrets on to Hungarian intelligence agents.

They were among three suspects detained in the Swedish west coast port of Gothenburg.

"We also have technical evidence in the form of spy equipment found in their homes," Hakansson said.

Hakansson said he had filed for a court order to keep the two doctors in custody pending possible charges.

The third Swedish suspect, wife of one of the doctors and also of Hungarian origin, was still being questioned.

UK censors reject demand for ban on Last Temptation

LONDON, Aug 26, (AP): British film censors on Thursday rejected demands by Christian leaders to ban the controversial movie "The Last Temptation of Christ" and said it can be shown without any cuts.

Attorney-General Patrick Mayhew, the government's senior law officer, said last week he was considering filing blasphemy charges to prevent its showing in Britain. He has not yet announced a decision.

But the 22-member British Board of Film Classification said after screening the film on Thursday that no British jury would find it blasphemous and it can be shown to anyone over the age of 18.

The movie is "plainly sincere and the atmosphere 'reverent,'" said a board statement.

Chairman James Ferman said in the statement that the board had received legal advice before ruling on the film and had ruled: "28 'church people' to view it."

"While different views have been taken as to the film itself, it is clear that it has not been made in a spirit of malice, nor does it vilify Christ in his life or his crucifixion," Ferman said.

Criticism

The Martin Scorsese film, which has been playing to packed houses since mid-August in the United States, has been criticised as allegedly reinterpreting the Bible. In one scene, the crucified Jesus hallucinates about marrying prostitute Mary Magdalene and making love to her.

The Anglican Bishop of St. Albans, John Taylor, who went to the screening, said "The Last Temptation" was marred by historical inaccuracies and pre-occupation with bloodshed.

"This is even more objectionable than the nudity and sexual scenes," he said. "Its combination of fiction and fantasy causes it to be a serious distortion of Christian truth."

The film's British distributors, United International Pictures, hope to distribute "The Last Temptation" to London cinemas by Sept 9.

Lebanese Muslims stage protest strike

BEIRUT, Aug 26, (Reuters): Lebanese Muslims staged a general strike today in a campaign for more political power fuelled when Christian groups blocked the election of a pro-Syrian President.

Pro-Syrian Muslim leftist leaders called the stoppage which closed shops, offices, schools and most businesses in West Beirut and other Muslim and Druze areas around the country.

Syrian-held Christian areas in north Lebanon were also affected by the action, organised after Christian deputies failed to attend a parliamentary session due to elect a successor for President Amin Gemayel last week.

Abolition
The election was postponed indefinitely when Parliament failed to achieve a quorum of its 76 surviving members.

The pro-Syrian leaders accused the hardline Christian Lebanese Forces militia, the Army, the United States and Israel of sabotaging the poll, in which Syrian-backed Suleiman Franjeh was the front-runner.

The pro-Syrian groups also demanded the abolition of political and sectarian domination by Christians of the judicial, executive and legislative branches and the Army.

Black market currency traders did brisk business in West Beirut where banks were closed in response to the strike. Dealers roamed the once posh Hamra shopping strip with large money bags and calculators.

Sparked

They bought Lebanese pounds at 410 to the dollar, compared with the official close of 398 yesterday which represented a nine per cent drop over one week.

The plunge was sparked by fears the political impasse over Gemayel's successor would spark fresh fighting.

If no consensus is reached before Gemayel's term ends on Sept 23, he would have the constitutional right to dissolve the cabinet now headed by a Sunni Muslim and form a transitional government headed by a Maronite Christian.

Burundi seeks help after massacres

NAIROBI, Aug 26, (Reuters): Burundi has appealed for emergency aid to help 100,000 refugees it says need food, clothing, shelter or medicine after a wave of killings.

As the refugee influx into neighbouring Rwanda topped 45,000 today according to relief workers there, diplomats connected by Reuters in Kigali said they could not be sure that the killings had ended.

"The situation is rather confused," said one Western diplomat. "On one hand the president says everything is calm, but then there are other statements about pockets of resistance or people in hiding."

The Burundi authorities have accused Burundian emigres of provoking inter-tribal bloodshed earlier this month but refugees streaming out of the country have told stories of large-scale butchery by armed forces.

The Burundian government, requesting outside help after a bloodbath in which it says 5,000 people died, told of houses burned, crops destroyed and shortages of food, clothes, tents and medicine, the diplomat said.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry, in a circular to embassies in Bujumbura yesterday, said a three-month international effort was needed to help life get back to normal in the areas where the killings had occurred.

Visit

Another diplomatic source said discussions were going on among Western government representatives on the need for an impartial international observer team to visit the northern areas where the massacres had happened.

Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister Leo Tindemans called in the Burundian ambassador on Wednesday to press for international observers to be allowed in.

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Israel to expel Arabs only in extreme ...

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States. But he said Israel would not alter policies it deemed necessary to preserve order.

"There is no tension with the government of the United States. We do not have to agree on everything," Shamir, head of the right-wing Likud Bloc, told reporters.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, leader of the left-leaning Labour Party, said he hoped there would be no more expulsions.

Peres is sending statesman Abba Eban on a mission to ask Western European leaders to prod the PLO to stop a "fantasizing performance" of hints and to formally recognise Israel.

Talks
If the PLO accepts Israel's existence, Peres' left-leaning Labour Party will agree to hold peace talks with the organisation, Eban told the Associated Press in an interview.

Eban also criticised Israel's policy of deporting Palestinians accused of inciting riots, saying it did little to help the Jewish state.

"I don't see that expulsions have had any result, so why have more?" Eban said. "It creates a crisis with the United States. I don't see any compensation in terms of security."

At Peres' suggestion, Eban said he would make a five-day trip to Britain, West Germany, France and Belgium in the first week of September, less than a week before PLO chief Yasser Arafat is to address the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

'Israeli soldiers are worse than animals'

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Some 200,000 Palestinians were confined to their homes by Army curfews today, despite the lifting of curfews in the largest Gaza Strip refugee camp of Jabalya. Nablus, the biggest West Bank city with a population of more than 100,000, was under curfew for the second straight day.

An Army spokesman said a military jeep struck and killed Mariam Khoury, 65, in the village of Ahud, near Ramallah. At Mokassad Hospital in East Jerusalem, 16-year-old Ayman Izzat Ramadan, died of injuries from a clash with troops on Aug 16 in Tell village near Nablus.

Nepalese politician beaten to death

BHAKTAPUR, Nepal, Aug 26, (AP): The battered body of a former legislator was paraded through the streets here today, one day after he was fatally beaten by political rivals while he was distributing food and blankets to earthquake victims.

"Hang the murderers," scores of young men chanted as they marched in front of the jeep bearing the body of Karna Hyanju, once a sympathizer of the now-outlawed Communist Party.

The earthquake that rocked parts of Nepal and India on Sunday killed at least 90 people, including seven in Bhaktapur.

Witnesses said Hyanju was beaten with umbrellas and sticks late yesterday afternoon and then dragged through the streets for nearly two hours before police intervened. He died today at Bir Hospital in Kathmandu, 12 kilometres (7 miles) west of Bhaktapur.

Utam Dhaubanjari, 28, a neighbour of the dead man, said he saw about 40 people rounded up by police last night.

Pashupati Rana, one of several cabinet ministers who walked with the funeral procession, said several people have been arrested on suspicion of murder.

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Sad moment for an Iranian

GENEVA, Aug 26, (Reuters): The Iranian correspondent was close to tears as he watched the Gulf war peace negotiators take their seats eight metres away from each other.

"It's a sad moment. We fought for eight years and now we have to sit face to face and talk with these people," he said.

Peace hopes were tinged with bitterness as Iranian and Iraqi delegates filed into the old brass-and-marble UN council chamber decorated with symbolic gold and sepia murals.

The talks will be played out in front of scenes of victory and defeat, liberation and reconstruction, painted by Spaniard Jose Maria Sert in 1936 in the high-ceilinged chamber first used as the seat of the council of the League of Nations.

Diplomat to visit jailed Briton

LONDON, Aug 26, (Reuters): A British diplomat will be allowed to visit a Briton detained in Iran for almost three years, the Foreign Office said today.

David Reddaway, the first British diplomat to visit Tehran for a year, will see businessman Roger Cooper tomorrow in the city's Evin jail.

Cooper has been held in solitary confinement since he was detained on suspicion of spying in 1985.

"The Iranian Foreign Ministry told Mr Reddaway he can see Mr Cooper tomorrow morning," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Villagers killed

COLOMBO, Aug 26, (Reuters): Suspected Tamil rebels butchered and beheaded 10 Sinhalese villagers in the jungles of eastern Sri Lanka, a police official said today.

He said police were led to the bodies by a villager who had escaped the killings.

The villagers, all men, had gone into the remote Marawela jungle in Amparai district to collect firewood when they were attacked yesterday.





Takeshita and his wife Naeko are entertained by hundreds of dancing and singing Chinese schoolchildren during welcome ceremonies in front of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. (Reuter wirephoto)

Deng calls for mutual trust with Japan

BEIJING, Aug. 26, (Reuter): China's top leader Deng Xiaoping today called for a new relationship with Japan "based on mutual trust," as he met Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita in the Chinese capital.

During a short meeting at the Great Hall of the People, Deng told Takeshita he hoped for a new type of relationship... based on mutual trust, as China's official media played down past arguments between Beijing and Tokyo.

Deng said the new relationship should be "not lower" than that forged during the 1970s when the two nations established diplomatic ties.

The official People's Daily newspaper today printed an optimistic commentary emphasizing the growth of trade and other contacts between the two countries in the past 10 years.

"The road cannot always be smooth," it added. Relations between the two countries have been clouded by issues as varied as memories of the Japanese invasion in the 1930s, and current trade disputes.

The mild language contrasted with the stormy rows between Tokyo and Beijing in mid-1987.

while Yasuhiro Nakasone was prime minister. Deng then asserted that Japan was entirely to blame for the tensions.

The official New China News Agency today reported without comment Japan's plans to increase its defence budget — a source of Chinese protests in the past.

Deng, although still regarded as China's most powerful figure, told Takeshita he was no longer as hasty as party leader Zhao Ziyang and Premier Li Peng, and described himself as "one of those replaced" in the leadership last year.

Loan

Takeshita yesterday said Japan would give China a loan of 810 billion yen (about \$6 billion) from 1990 to 1995.

The loan would be used to improve China's roads, telecommunications, sewage systems and power supplies.

According to Tokyo's figures, China has turned its once-burge trade deficit with Japan into a \$500 million surplus in the first half of 1988.

The two sides are due to sign an investment protection treaty aimed at increasing what Beijing sees as lagging Japanese investment in China.

Aquino accepts Marcos' return home

MANILA, Aug. 26, (Reuter): Philippine President Corason Aquino has accepted that Ferdinand Marcos, the man she drove from power two years ago, might eventually return from exile in Hawaii, her spokesman said today.

"She has accepted that," Teodoro Benigno said when asked by reporters if Aquino saw Marcos' return as inevitable. Solicitor-general Francisco Chavez said Marcos could be brought back to face criminal charges expected to be filed by the end of the year.

The President had earlier ruled out his returning, saying he could come back only if he turned over billions of dollars he allegedly stole from the country.

Benigno said she changed her mind a few months ago after Swiss courts said they could only help return money said to be stashed away in secret bank accounts if Philippine courts brought criminal charges against him.

Aquino, in a meeting today with government officials and congressmen, discussed how to protect "national interest" while observing Marcos' right to face trial in person, the spokesman said.

Helicopters, gunboats shell camps in S. Lebanon

Israel hits Palestinian bases

SIDON, Aug. 26, (Reuter): Israeli air and naval forces attacked Palestinian military targets near the southern Lebanese port of Sidon on Thursday, wounding five Palestinians, police said.

They said three Israeli Cobra helicopter gunships fired several rockets at the Ain Al Hilweh Palestinian refugee camp, levelling bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and the Palestine Struggle Front (PSF).

The police said Israeli gunboats off the coast 40 km south of Beirut also fired on Ain Al Hilweh and Miyeh Miyeh settlements, which house some 80,000 Palestinians.

One rocket hit a Palestinian checkpoint at the edge of Ain Al Hilweh, wounding three guerrillas, they said, and two Palestinian civilians were hurt when a rocket slammed into their house.

Other rockets fell in olive groves surrounding Ain Al Hilweh and Miyeh Miyeh camps.

Black smoke billowed from the area as the helicopters thundered overhead, drawing fire from Palestinians armed with Soviet-made SAM-7 anti-aircraft missiles and heavy machine-guns, witnesses said.

In Tel Aviv, an Israeli Army spokesman said only aircraft took part in the attack, and not gunboats. He said the target was a Palestinian base.

In the nearby port of Tyre, Israeli patrol boats exchanged machinegun fire with a small boat off the coast earlier on Thursday, the sources said.

They said the boat could have been carrying Palestinian guerrillas trying to infiltrate into Israel, but they had no further details.

14th strike

Security sources said the Israeli strike, the 14th in Lebanon this year and the second on Palestinian posts near Sidon this month, was apparently in retaliation for an attempt by Palestinian guerrillas to sneak into Israel from south Lebanon last Friday.

The three guerrillas, from the PFLP, were shot dead by Israeli troops.

On Aug 9 Israeli jets attacked Palestinian military positions in Miyeh Miyeh, killing two Palestinians and wounding 10 others.

Thursday's attack came one day after Israeli troops punched six km beyond their security zone in south Lebanon to attack pro-Iranian Hezbollah militants.

Five Hezbollah members were killed and six Israelis were injured.

Casualty

Hundreds of militants of Hezbollah gathered on Thursday to mourn their fighters killed by Israeli troops.

Witnesses said bearded gunmen in military fatigues carried the coffins draped with the green, red and white Iranian flag to a cemetery at the village of Solmor in eastern Lebanon.

Turhaooed Hezbollah officials and Iranian revolutionary guard leaders headed the mourners, who vowed to avenge

the killing of the five and to "hit Israel at any time and in any place."

Down with Israel, down with America," they chanted, waving clenched fists in the air.

Meanwhile, UN peacekeepers found a bomb-laden car near one of their checkpoints in south Lebanon early today and were trying to defuse the device, a UN spokesman said.

The spokesman said a French-designed Renault car rigged with "a quantity of explosives" was found parked within a few metres of a checkpoint manned by Fijian soldiers of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon.

According to the spokesman the car was parked on the main highway near the Qlaieh junction, eight kilometres south of this southern port city.

The peacekeepers "hocked traffic along the highway shortly after the car was discovered. UNIFIL experts are trying to defuse the bomb," the spokesman added. He did not elaborate.

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Sikhs raid train in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, Aug. 26, (Reuter): Sikh separatists posing as plain clothes police boarded a passenger train in the north Indian state of Punjab yesterday, then left with a policeman, a militiaman and the three prisoners they were guarding.

Police said they first knew of the raid was when the three prisoners gave themselves up at the police station in Amritsar, the Sikh holy city.

The prisoners, who were being taken to Amritsar to face trial, said they were freed after the militants discovered they were facing criminal charges and were not accused of terrorism.

The captured policeman also escaped, but there was no immediate word on the militiaman, police said.

They added that 12 militants boarded the train at a stop in a town, near Amritsar.

More than 1,700 people have been killed this year in the militants' campaign for an independent Sikh homeland in Punjab.

Tapes help patients to recover

LONDON, Aug. 26, (Reuter): Patients recover better from surgery with the aid of reassuring tapes played while they are under anaesthetic, a medical journal said today.

In an 12-week experiment at St. Thomas' Hospital in London tapes saying the operation was going well were played to 39 hysterectomy patients to see how they responded, an article in The Lancet said.

Nurses said patients who heard the tapes made a better than expected recovery and left hospital sooner than those who heard blank tapes.

The 12-minute tapes advised patients how to cope after their operations and said: "You will not feel sick, you will not have any pain."

Patients also heard comments from surgeons such as, "the operation seems to be going very well and the patient is fine."

Afghan rebels lose control of Kunduz

KABUL, Aug. 26, (UPI): Afghan guerrillas have captured provincial capitals in northeastern and central Afghanistan but lost control of the nearby town of Kunduz, Soviet sources and Western diplomats said yesterday.

Afghan officials also reported that a rocket that landed in Kahul yesterday killed two people, ending a five-day respite from attacks by rebels in the surrounding mountains.

A Western diplomat and Soviet sources said a garrison of government troops had abandoned the provincial capital of Bamiyan, about 153 km west of Kabul, allowing the rebels to take control.

The Western diplomat said heavy fighting had forced the Soviet-backed government forces to abandon Bamiyan, but a Soviet source said the troops left in a peaceful withdrawal from the town of about 7,000 people a week ago.

"The rebels did not take it," the Soviet source said. "The Army left and they simply walked in."

A diplomat in Islamabad also said the rebels seized Taloqan, capital of northeastern Takhar province, more than two weeks

ago, about the same time as the fall of Kunduz.

A diplomat in Islamabad, quoting Afghan sources' confirmed reports said, Afghan troops had recaptured the capital of Kunduz province, but said, "apparently no attempt has been made to retake Taloqan."

The guerrillas have temporarily taken a number of provincial capitals since the Soviet Union May 15 began a scheduled nine-month withdrawal of its more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan.

In addition to Kunduz, Western diplomats say the resistance held Qalat, capital of southern Zabol province, for about four days in June, and Maidan Shahr, capital of Wardak some 24 km southwest of Kabul, for some 48 hours early last month.

The diplomats and resistance sources said the guerrillas were forced to withdraw from Qalat and Maidan Shahr by heavy Afghan and Soviet bombardment.

Diplomats Tuesday reported aircraft based in the Soviet Union conducted daily raids of Kunduz and Soviet military transport was used to take troops to the city.

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Message sent to UN council

Amir calls for independence of Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 26. (KUNA): Kuwait on Friday called on the international community to respect the will of the Namibian people to gain their inalienable right to self-determination and national independence.

In a message to the UN Council for Namibia, which is celebrating Namibia Day, HH the Amir of Kuwait asked: "Isn't it high time for the white man to realise the reality and respect the will of the people and their inalienable right to self-determination and national independence?"

Comprehensive

However, there is some hope, in the ceasefire agreement reached in Geneva for a comprehensive settlement to the Namibian question on the basis of Security Council Resolution 435 of 1978.

he said. "We are looking forward to the independence of the Namibian people under the leadership of its legitimate and single representative, SWAPO," the Amir said in the message read by Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammed Abulhasan.

The Amir said: "We hope we will not wait much longer to see the independence of another people who suffered like the Namibian people of injustice and repression, and that is the Palestinian people, whose children have fought with stones the denial of their rights to freedom and dignity."

Efforts

"We wish all the success to the latest efforts of the UN to put an end to the Namibian tragedy and we hope the international com-



HH the Amir

munity continues its efforts to solve the problem of the Palestinian question at this time of inter-

national detente which promises the settlement of various regional conflicts that constitute a threat to peace and security in the world," the Amir said.

The Amir's message was also on behalf of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference. HH the Amir is president of the OIC.

Commitment

In his message to the council, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Namibia remains a matter of very special importance to the UN and one in which the commitment of the international community is total and unequivocal.

He urged all concerned to meet the aspirations of the people of Namibia and to enable the UN to proceed with the implementation of Security Council Resolution 435 (1978).

Reviving diving



Two young divers prepare to get on board. (Photo by Ahmed Brouni)

FOLLOWING the discovery of oil in Kuwait about four decades ago, citizens of the small Gulf state abandoned diving for pearls to make ends meet.

Only a few years ago, Kuwaitis began digging for their forgotten past. Pearl diving has greatly diminished with the death of most of the early pioneers and the luxuries of modern life.

In 1986, the Kuwait Sea Sports Club sponsored the first diving trip. Thirty youngsters participated for three gruelling days crowned by success, and the stage was set for similar journeys.

Backbone In an interview, the supervisor of the diving trip, skipper Hassan Rajab, said that this year's event, which groups 108 youths and 13 vessels, is aimed at reviving the diving profession, the backbone of daily living in the old community.

With today's high standard of living, the youth tend to leave the past behind, he said. The diving trips are designed to close the generation gap.

Rajab said that participants began their journey on Aug 20 and are due back on Sept 2. The

young divers are camping at Al Khieran diving grounds, which can accommodate the small ships.

The divers are adapting well to the daily routine, which starts with an early breakfast and ends in the afternoon, he said.

Rajab expressed his thanks to HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah for the support to help Kuwaiti youth preserve their heritage.

Rajab, a man of the sea for the past 40 years, said that diving trips in the past were full of hardships and agony, due to the length of the journey and the yield of pearls.

In the past divers were given loans to secure the living of their families. The loans were repaid when divers received their share of the yield.

Saad Mohammed Al Twaim, one of the young participants, said his grandfather inspired him to join the trip to revive his heritage.

The 12-year-old apprentice said that despite the great effort he and his friends put in, he does not feel any boredom. The trip taught him patience, endurance and co-operation, he said.

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Amiri cable

HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to the President of Uruguay, Julio Mario Sanguinetti on Uruguay's national day on Thursday.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Prevent future conflicts

A LOCAL daily on Friday called on Arab leaders to find out ways to prevent the outbreak of a Mideast conflict similar to the Iraq-Iran war and warned that Lebanon could be the next hot spot.

Iran-Iraq ceasefire went into force a week ago and the super-powers are planning to shift the battlefield to Lebanon, the daily Al Rai Al Aam editorialised.

External, regional and foreign powers are seeking to keep Lebanon embroiled in political chaos and burdened with internal problems, the paper said.

GCC states may share satellite services

KUWAIT and other Gulf states will raise the issue of setting up a regional system so members of the Gulf Co-operation Council can share telecommunication and satellite services, an official at the Communications Ministry said.

Sami Khalid Al Amer, director of monitoring, frequencies and wireless licences, told KUNA in an interview that the GCC countries would like to share telecommunication orbit through which satellite services can be transmitted to all GCC members.

Eliminate

The system would reduce telecommunication costs and eliminate the need for ground stations in each country, he said. The proposal will be tabled at a meeting in Geneva on Monday.

Al Amer said. The conference will last until Sept 7, Kuwait, which will be represented by a delegation headed by Al Amer, attaches special importance to the conference.

The second session of the World Administrative Conference for Radio and Fixed Satellite Orbits is entrusted with co-ordinating international use of wireless communication and remote sensing capabilities.

Conference

The conferees co-ordinate efforts with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), an umbrella organisation of 100 countries using satellite and wireless communication. Kuwait and the other GCC states participated in the first session of the conference in Geneva in 1985.

Training courses

THIRTY seven training courses for the coming academic year were approved by the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.

The authority offers courses to cover training requirements in different government sectors.

The higher administration programme includes courses on time management, administrative management, problem analysis and decision making, an official source said.

Other programmes include courses on intermediate administration and administrative communications.

The administrative management programme offers courses on report writing and citizens service offices.

Programme offered for workers in the training field include courses on training requirements, evaluations and personal ability development.

Computer courses are designed to give trainees an introduction to computers. Basic programming, applications and the introduction and applications of COBOL programming are also offered.

Other courses are offered in public relations, statistics and library skills.

Call to preserve marine wealth

DR SULAIMAN MATAR, acting director of the marine agriculture and fisheries department at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), has called for the preservation of the country's marine wealth, which is represented mainly by fisheries.

In a lecture organised by the Environment Protection Council for the protection of Kuwait's coasts, Matar stressed the need for solutions to the problems facing the fishing industry.

The filling up of pits along the coast with earth has affected the spawning places of marine life and led to a decrease in the quantities of fish, he said.

He called for studies to develop the fishing process and protect the places where fish breed.

Community service centre expands

By Lima Al Khalafawi

ENROLMENT at Kuwait University Community Service Centre increased ten-fold in the last nine years.

When the centre was opened in 1979, seats were available for 400 students. Today it can accommodate around 4,000 students.

Registering The centre has been inundated with applicants in the last four days, Assistant Vice-Rector Dr Mohammed Al Sara'wi said.

About 50 people a day have been registering for courses starting in October. Registration has been extended by a week to cope with the volume of applicants.

Courses offered at the centre include: human studies, law, commercial law, personal status in Kuwaiti courts, computer science, modern mathematics, microfilm, library studies, First Aid, accounting studies, ticketing, statistical analysis, French, English, Spanish and Hebrew.

New courses now available at

the centre are: gardening, mass communication, city planning in Kuwait and the Gulf area, the human being and heredity, the world and energy, and Islamic culture for foreigners.

Outnumber Many applicants are university graduates and women outnumber men in several courses, he said.

The centre is open to anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to benefit from courses taught by highly qualified teachers. Classes are taught by highly qualified teachers from 4 to 8 pm. The term starts in October and lasts three months. Certificates are awarded to successful students at the end of each course.

Registration is now open at Kuwait University's Khaldiya campus. Applicants should carry identification. Each course costs students KD 35.

Meanwhile, the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training is preparing a questionnaire to get public opinion about community service courses.

according to Mohammad Ahmad Saleh, director of the computer centre at the authority.

The centre is hoping to train more Kuwaiti youths on computer skills, the director said in an interview with a local daily. The Education Ministry also offers computer courses.

Computer awareness is vital to train Kuwaitis and overcome the country's shortage in national power, the director said. Computers are used at many government ministries and other establishments, he pointed out.

Divided

The computer system at the authority is divided into those computers used for development, and those used for planning and training, the director said.

A course is offered by the authority to train members of the registration staff to use computers for registration and admissions, he said.

Training programmes for workers are held every six months, he said.

Accommodation for labourers

A LOCAL daily has quoted an authoritative source at Kuwait Municipality as saying that most companies in Kuwait do not fully comply with laws concerning housing and conditions of their labourers.

The source blamed negligence of the control department at the Municipality for the problem and called for a stricter enforcement of the laws.

Organisational approval of labourers' temporary accommodations must be obtained from the Municipality, he said. The accommodation site must be fenced in accordance with Municipality specifications.

Each labourer should be allocated at least four square metres and accommodation should be located away from the plant. Air-conditioning, heating, ventilation and sanitary facilities must also be provided, the source said.

Governors will be given more power

THE Governor of Ahmadi, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah, said yesterday that amendments to be introduced to the present governorates law will give more power to governors, members of the governorates and councils of mukhtars (mayors).

In an interview with KUNA, Sheikh Ali said that the improvement in the governor's stance towards governors had greatly contributed to establishing direct contacts between them and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Established He also announced that the Ahmadi governorate recently established a special department to protect oil installations.

On the matter of governors'

Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

The contacts helped improve public services in the governorates, he said. He also expressed satisfaction with the degree of co-operation between the governorates and state officials.

Sheikh Ali emphasised that the country is free of organised crime and attributed this to the efficiency of the security forces, the co-operation of the public and the attitude of authorities.

Infiltration and smuggling via sea routes has completely stopped, thanks to effective supervision by the Coast Guards, he said.

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authority, Sheikh Ali said their powers are not limited to security affairs, but include all public services in the governorate.

UN monitors overcome snags

BAGHDAD, Aug. 26. (AP): As Iraq and Iran opened peace talks in Geneva, UN military observers scramble to assemble the nuts and bolts of a ceasefire despite communications snags, minefields and suspicious host countries.

All of the 350 observers, drawn from 24 countries, were in place by yesterday, UN spokesman Saleem Fahmawi said, with communications personnel expected to establish a radio network "very soon."

Fahmawi described the situation as "very positive." He noted that there have been "no major changes in the status quo" since the ceasefire took effect Aug 20, "just minor incidents which have been fully resolved."

Communications But diplomats and other sources said that mixups over transportation, passports, communications and protocol meant that some observers were not in place Aug 20.

Those who were frequently found themselves with inadequate communications, poor maps and uncertainty about the location of minefields as they patrolled in temperatures often exceeding 110 degrees

Fahrenheit (38 Celsius).

UN officials have reportedly sought detailed maps from the United States, but no one knows when they will arrive.

Diplomats and UN officials said they are rapidly overcoming the snags which the hastily assembled force, sent to countries unfamiliar with UN procedures, had been expected to face.

"They're no more than the growing pains of a new mission in two countries which have absolutely no experience with this type of thing," said Col. John Annand, the Canadian deputy commander of the UN Iran-Iraq military observer group.

Suspicious Iran and Iraq, both deeply suspicious of outsiders and distrustful of each other, found hundreds of foreign soldiers, some armed, landing at their airports with their own communications equipment.

Big US C-5A Galaxy transport planes ferried Canadian communications troops to NATO's Incirlik base in Turkey.

The jets flew on to Iraq, but shipments to Iran were transferred to Canadian C-130 transports because of political sen-

sitivities in Tehran.

The delays caused by the transfers were compounded when Iran initially demanded 48 hours' notice and a complete list of men and equipment on each flight, diplomats said.

Iran also insisted that all flights first go to Tehran rather than to posts close to the border. The Iranians later relented, but they have no refuelling facilities at the forward airfields for the transports.

Iran objected to the assault rifles carried by UN support troops.

Although UN troops normally need no passports, diplomats said Tehran demanded them, forcing consular officials to scramble to issue hundreds of new documents.

As a result, diplomats said, operations in Iran have been about two days behind those in Iraq, forcing the delay of some operations in Iraq.

Efforts to set up a UN communications network were complicated by confusion over frequencies. Iraq approved one set, Iran another. Now officials are trying to get them to agree on a single set so observers on both sides can talk to each other.

Qatari official ends China visit

DOHA, Aug. 26. (KUNA): Qatari Foreign Undersecretary Sheikh Hamad Bin Suheim Al Thani today ended a visit to China after reaching an agreement on opening embassies in both countries' capitals, the Qatari News Agency reported.

The exchange of diplomatic missions between Doha and Beijing came after an announcement on July 9 on the establishment of relations between the two countries.

Concern

The Qatari official started his visit to Beijing on Aug 23. He met with Chinese President Yang Shangkun and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen.

The agency quoted a Chinese-Qatari communiqué issued today on talks between the two sides as saying that Arab and international issues of common concern and bilateral ties were discussed.

The communiqué also said that regional disputes must be resolved through peaceful negotiations. The two sides expressed satisfaction over Iraq and Iran's acceptance of UN Resolution 598 to end their conflict.

Physiotherapy centre

THE Physiotherapy and Health Rehabilitation Hospital is the main centre for physiotherapy and rehabilitation in Kuwait, according to hospital Director Dr Abdurrahim Al Zaid.

The hospital supervises physiotherapy services at all hospitals in Kuwait, Al Zaid said in an interview with a local magazine.

All the known methods of physiotherapy, including kinesiotherapy, electrotherapy, hydrotherapy and Chinese acupuncture, are offered at the hospital.

Providing The hospital also serves the Kuwait University and sporting clubs by providing equipment and physiotherapists to accompany teams and provide treatment, Al Zaid said.

The hospital also offers its facilities to Kuwait University's Faculty of Allied Medicine to

train medical students. Social services are also provided. Patients are counselled with their families to help them accept their illnesses.

The children's unit has inpatient and out-patient clinics. The in-patient clinics treat children whose cases require daily treatment. The out-patient clinic helps children who require one or two treatments a week.

Co-operating Meanwhile, a Chinese physician said the hospital has been co-operating with the Chinese for the past 12 years to provide acupuncture at the hospital.

The acupuncture department treats paralysis, rheumatism, allergies, arthritis, and digestive system diseases. Medicines used in the acupuncture are derived from herbs and contain no chemicals.

Five killed in accidents

FIVE people died on Thursday in traffic accidents in Kuwait. One man was killed when his car collided with a parked car in Farwaniya.

In another accident, a driver was killed when two cars collided and overturned in the Ahmadi governorate.

In a separate accident, the driver of a car died when it overturned on Nuwaiseb road.

In another accident Thursday, two front seat passengers in different cars were killed when two cars collided on Jahra road.

There were 15 traffic accidents on Thursday. Three of them occurred in the capital, two were in Hawalli, seven in Ahmadi and

three in Jahra. In another public safety news, the Public Relations Department at the Interior Ministry warned parents about allowing children to swim in forbidden areas. Officials also told parents not to leave their children alone in swimming pools.

The warning came after several drownings this summer. The young victims either did not know how to swim or were in areas with no lifeguards.

On Wednesday, a 6-year-old Indian girl drowned in a swimming pool in one of the societies.

Department officials said too many families who visit beaches on Thursdays and Fridays leave children unattended.

Gulf shippers remain on guard

DUBAI, Aug. 26. (Reuters): Shipping operators in the Gulf have said they are remaining on alert for attacks against merchant vessels despite the start of peace talks between Iran and Iraq in Geneva.

"It's not a question of expecting anything to happen," one said. "It would just be foolish not to stay on guard after hundreds of raids in the last four years."

Merchant ships still like to sail through the Strait of Hormuz close to Western warships for protection, just as they did at the height of the tanker war, shippers said.

But they added that tension would ease if the talks between Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati went well and if a ceasefire that began on Aug 20 continued to hold.

The last ship attacked in the Gulf was the 284,502-tonne tanker Berge Lord, machinegunned by Iranian gunboats 25 miles off Dubai on Aug 4.

Hull and cargo insurance rates, which have fallen this month on optimism over the ceasefire, could soon tumble again and danger payments for crew could end, shipping operators said.

Baghdad said its tanker Ain Zalah on Wednesday carried the first shipment of Iraqi oil for eight years through the strait and that two Iraqi cargo ships passed through earlier this week.

Intention Iran, declaring its intention to continue intercepting Iraqi-bound war cargoes, said it searched one of the Iraqi ships. Iraq said the ship had ignored calls to halt and was not boarded.

Shipping operators said the reopening of damaged Iraqi and Iranian ports to regular calls by large vessels would take months or years.

Other Gulf ports with food entrepot facilities, such as Dubai, look set to benefit from any increase in trade by Iran and Iraq, they said.

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Messy organisation spoils show

Malayalees celebrate Onam

THE Kuwait Malayalee Onam Celebration Committee celebrated Onam, the national festival of Kerala, at the Indian Embassy auditorium on Friday morning. Onam marks the annual visit to earth of the legendary king Mahabali, who was sent to the underworld by the jealous gods. Even he would have been impressed by the performances, which ranged from classical Mohiniyattam and tableaux portraying the original Onam story to instrumental music from Hare Rama Hare Krishna.

The students of the Kalasadan School of Indian Classical Dances proved themselves to be artists, despite the limited space on stage during the Bharata Natyam and the Vallamkali. The young instrumentalists of the Do-Re-Mi band came across as confident musicians as they strummed and drummed out a couple of popular film tunes.

The audience seemed to appreciate the hard work and effort that must have gone into the show and applauded and whistled enthusiastically despite the heat and stuffiness. Overall organisation was, however, somewhat messy, especially considering the committee in charge of the event was formed solely to arrange the programme.

The show began a half-hour late, a possible cause perhaps the last minute panic that arose



Vamanam sends the legendary king Mahabali down into the underworld, as depicted in a tableaux by Rajan and Rajasee Rajan.

when the authorities in charge realised that there were no seats for the chief guests. A new row was set up, less than a metre away from the stage. The more prudent guests opted for the second row but even they were not spared the ear-piercing decibels emitted by the eccentric loudspeakers.

The 'backstage' announcers

made no attempt to hide their presence as they hung around in the wings, cluttering up the stage and overall view. It is true that all those who took part in the programme are amateurs but one expects even amateurs to realise that they should be totally out of sight when not actually on stage.

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Participants in the flower show. (Photos by Jamal)



Vallamkali, performed by students of the Kalasadan School of Indian Classical Dances.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Good Morning
- 9.30 Space Adventures: cartoon serial
- 10.15 8 Harat Al Bahar: daily serial; ep.2
- 11.00 News Summary followed by songs and music
- 11.15 Bn Saleh Yureedu Halan: local serial
- 12.15 Alif Ba'a Al Mat-bakh: a programme on Arabic cooking
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 World News via Satellite
- 2.00 Songs and Music
- 2.35 Auras Al Daliyah: episode 4 of Arabic series
- 3.35 Heidi: cartoons
- 4.15 Hikayat Al Ayyam Al Aseebah: last episode of weekly Arabic serial
- 6.00 Cultural Film
- 7.00 Noor Al Islam: religious serial
- 7.30 Nazrat Al Alam
- 8.00 Musical Interlude
- 8.30 Hamat Al Watan

KTV 2

- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.30 Al Saqiya Tadawar: episode 8 of Arabic series
- 10.50 Duniya Madhak Mukki: "Souk Al Dalaleen." Starring: Tawfiq Al Saadi, Salim Kalas, Hani Al Ruman, Samiya Jaziri.
- 11.45 News Summary
- 11.50 World News via Satellite
- 12.25 Holy Quran/Closedown
- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Duck Tales: "Horse Scouts"
- 6.30 God's Wonderful Railway: "Fire on the Line" Part 3. Andy, who lives and breathes railway life, goes to war.
- 7.00 World of Survival: "The Forest that Goes to Sea." Plants that grow in seabeds.
- 7.30 ALP: "Someone to Watch Over Me."

After a break-in at a neighbour's house, everyone in the neighbourhood is asked to watch out for robbers.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Simon and Simon: "Forever Hold Your Piece." Arnie, separated from his wife, is suspected of murdering his ex-wife's boyfriend.

9.30 Beyond 2000: a look at the products of modern technology, tonight's episode examines motorcars operating on solar energy; sailboats and new devices for exploiting natural resources in Siberia.

10.30 TV Movie: "Dead on Arrival."

11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jahriya houses a collection of Islamic art, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat. thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

FILMS

British Council

The Assam Garden, the story of the relationship between a British and an Indian woman, stars Deborah Kerr and Madhur Jaffrey. It will be shown on Saturday, Aug. 27 and Sunday, Aug. 28 at 6.30 pm. Admission free. It is advisable to reserve seats in advance. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

SOCIAL

Welcome Back to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back to Kuwait" party at the Mes-silah Beach hotel on Sept. 29 at 8 pm. The Sounds Great bands will be in attendance. For table reservations, ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

Country Western Musical

The American Community Theatre is rounding up singers, dancers and musicians for their

annual Country and Western musical, to be held at the end of September. Interested talents, contact Nancy Parker 2523911 ext. 2346, 5725071 (evenings) or Nola Anderson 2428366.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1 at 8.30 pm. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will be in attendance. For reservations, contact J D'Sa at 2450279, 3981790, 3924659.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent SAS hotel on Sept. 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. For reservations and further details, contact Roland 2430581 or James 5331940.

Indian Ballet

Narhan, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Prameela Surendran, will stage a ballet, Panchavadi, and a number of Nrithasipat at its annual show, Nrithasipat, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept. 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be strictly limited; for free passes, contact Prameela 4337608.

Auditions will be held on

Sept. 15-17 for singers and dancers for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Sal-miyah cinema on Oct. 19-22. For details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are an ideal place to relax with friends.

At the Ramada

Al Bendera coffee shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to midnight, a la carte available.

Al Gandou Grill Garden, open 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties. The Open Garden has selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Argulla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day. Open from 7 pm to 11 pm daily.

Take away counter, open daily 4 to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks, from 4 pm to 11 pm daily.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning Sept. 16. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the Ahmadi Governorate ground located behind the Computer Centre. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm. The draw will be held on Friday, Aug. 26, at 9 am at the Kuwait Lanka Restaurant, Fahsheel.

Salcombe United

The Salcombe United Sports Centre will hold their third annual Gold Cup Football Tournament starting Sept. 9. Those interested may contact Peter 2434415 or Mariano 4744150 after 5 pm, before Sept. 1. The draw will be held on Sept. 2 at 9 am, at the Phoenix hotel.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (Oct. 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

TV CORNER

This week on KTV 2

SUNDAY

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 Heathcliff: cartoons
- 6:30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of naval communications
- 7:00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi
- 7:30 Valerie: "Roots of Evil." David tries to take the pocket money of his younger brothers to buy a car
- 8:00 News in English
- 8:30 The Flying Doctors: "Forgiveness." A woman fears the worst when she sees a stranger near her home in the wilderness.
- 9:30 My Two Dads: "Friends and Lovers." Nicole blames herself for the rift between Michael and his girlfriend.
- 10:00 Hillary's Adventures: documentary
- 10:30 Bestseller: "Home Fires." The story of an attorney whose life is in disarray.
- 11:30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

MONDAY

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 Galtar: cartoons
- 6:30 The Craft of the Weaver: "Cloth." Geraldine examines a range of colours kalfan.
- 7:00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.
- 7:30 Charles-in-Charge: "Discipline." Charles is concerned about low grades obtained by Stan's children.
- 8:00 News in English
- 8:30 Miami Vice: "Down for the Count." The squad

TUESDAY

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 Rubick: cartoons
- 6:30 Chocky: another exciting adventure with Chocky in the lead.
- 7:00 Australian Ark: "In Search of the Great White Shark." A look at the myth and reality about white sharks.
- 8:00 News in English
- 8:30 Yon and the Law
- 8:40 Magnum: "Pleasure Principle." Magnum fights the appearance of "Mac."
- 9:30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 The Mouse Factory
- 6:30 The Kids of Degressi Street: a series for young viewers
- 7:00 Managing the Micro
- 7:30 Growing Pains: "Broadway Bound." Michael and his girlfriend audition for a Broadway play.
- 8:00 News in English
- 8:30 O'Hara: "Open Season." Todd's life is in danger; O'Hara is asked

THURSDAY

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 Bionic - Six: cartoon series
- 6:30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.
- 7:30 Full House: "Our Very First Promo." The family takes on the responsibility of making a film.
- 8:00 News in English
- 8:40 High Mountain Rangers: "A Holy Place to Live." Several campers are trapped after an earthquake in southern Idaho and the rangers form a rescue team.
- 9:30 I Married Dora: "Where There's A Will." Peter's unfounded fears of death cause concern

FRIDAY

- 2:00 Holy Quran
- 2:10 Cartoons
- 2:30 Sports Studio
- 6:00 Foo Fur: cartoons
- 6:30 Walt Disney Film
- 7:30 The Bay City Rollers Show: songs, humorous discussions and a short story for children.
- 8:00 News in English
- 8:30 Summer '88
- 8:40 Once a Hero: pilot episode of new series about the tug of war between good and evil revolving around Captain Justice who fights Black Jack.
- 9:30 227: Sandra's mother pays an unexpected visit. Comedy.
- 10:00 Guinness Records
- 10:30 Tour of Duty: "Brothers, Fathers." A look at the problem of orphans.
- 11:30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

SATURDAY

- 6:00 Holy Quran
- 6:10 Bionic - Six: cartoon series
- 6:30 Sesame Street: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Action Jackson
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Starring: Linda Blair
Al Hamra
Al Fulos Wal Wahoosh (Arabic)
Starring: Mohammad Subhi, Madiha Kamil
Drive-in
Al Kamasha (Arabic)
Starring: Mahmood Yassin, Bosi, Shweikar
Al Firdous
Qurbani (Hindi)
Starring: Feroz Khan, Zeenat Aman
Fahsheel Open-Air
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Al Fahsheel
Itha Samayamayi (Malayalam)

Al Jahra
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THE emotions may be endless. The more we express them, the more we may have to express them — E.M. Forster, English novelist (1879-1970)

Argentina seeks to boost arms sales

By Ed McCullough

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP): Better known for its grain and beef, Argentina also produces jets and tanks and it hopes exports of weapons will contribute to repaying a foreign debt that is third highest in the developing world.

Arms sales have already topped \$75 million one year, but that is only a fraction of what this primarily agricultural nation could earn if the United States decides to buy a jet trainer called the Pampa, or Ecuador goes ahead with its purchase of Tami medium tanks.

An intermediate-range rocket is being developed with financial aid from Egypt and conventional submarines with technical assistance from West Germany. Negotiations are under way with an Italian company to co-produce military helicopters.

"We're not trying to convert ourselves into a huge exporter of weapons," Jose Maria Llados, secretary of production at the Ministry of Defence, said in an interview. "What we're trying to do is... take advantage of our existing industrial capacity."

Produce
Argentina has produced artillery and munitions for decades, mostly for its own armed forces of 95,000 troops. The big projects — drone aircraft, submarines, jets, tanks, rockets — were begun by the military governments of the 1970s and early 1980.

Following Argentina's defeat by Britain in the 1982 Falklands war, and the election of civilian President Raul Alfonsín in October 1983, the military budget has been halved to about \$1.5 billion. Funding for weapons projects has dried up.

"With the industries in place, we had three choices: close them, export, or convert them" to civilian use, Llados said. "The preference... was to export. We have a big foreign debt. We have to export in order to pay it."

Argentina owes \$56 billion to foreign governments, banks and other lending institutions. Interest alone, which this year will total about \$4.6 billion, is a burden to repay.

About 30,000 civilians and soldiers are employed by Fabricaciones Militares (Military Works), which is run by the Army and produces weapons as well as consumer products. Total value of goods produced by

FM last year was between \$900 million and \$1 billion, Llados said.

Argentina's edge in arms sales is that it can — because of its technical infrastructure, educated work force and low wages in comparison with developed countries — produce relatively sophisticated weapons at a low cost.

Sales

The package of 56 medium tanks and 18 armoured personnel carriers the Ecuador is considering buying is priced at about \$108 million, Llados said. The single-engine, two-seater IA-63 Pampa jet trainer costs about \$3.5 million. "It's a lot of plane for the money," a US embassy official said. "We are interested."

The US Air Force is seeking to replace its T-37 jet trainers that date back 30 years. The potential multi-billion-dollar contract, avidly sought by several countries including NATO allies Italy and Belgium, could call for more than 500 planes.

Last week, representatives of New York-based Grumman Corp. met with officials of the Argentine Aerospace Material Factory to test the Pampa. If chosen by the US Air Force, it would be built in the United States under a licensing agreement.

Parts
Argentina can produce only three or four Pampas a month. US parts, including the engine and avionics systems, comprise more than half the value of the plane.

Two prototypes will accompany Defence Minister Horacio Jaurena on his trip to Washington next month for talks with Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci. A purchase decision was not expected until next year at the earliest.

The Alfonsín government has not stressed arms sales, which last year amounted to about \$20 million, according to Llados. In 1984, arms exports totalled about \$77 million, according to the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Both leading candidates to replace Alfonsín in next year's national elections, Carlos Menem of the opposition Peronist Party and Eduardo Angeloz of the ruling Radical Civic Union, favour arms sales as a way to generate foreign exchange, aides said.

IRA attacks toughen Thatcher stance

By Al Webb

LONDON, (UPI): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher remains true to a favourite saying about her — "The lady's not for turning" — and that means Britain's war with the Irish Republican Army is likely to become even bloodier after the weekend killing of eight British soldiers in Ulster.

The phrase, a takeoff on the play "The Lady's Not for Burning" by British playwright Christopher Fry about a heroine who is charged with being a witch, was coined by a political pundit to emphasize Thatcher's unwillingness to change policies.

Thatcher's unwavering policy is her unrelenting opposition to terrorism, and at the top of her list of terrorists are IRA guerrillas. Nobody expects Thatcher to back off Britain's commitment to battle IRA efforts to unite British-run Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic by force.

Instead, military and security experts believe an urgent government policy review after the latest killings will focus on a tactic that may well strike fear into the IRA: sharply increased use of Britain's Strategic Air Services.

Secrecy
The SAS, shrouded in secrecy, consists of crack teams of anti-terrorism warriors, experts in covert hit-and-run tactics, not necessarily all within the letter of the law.

The IRA knows what the group can do. On May 8, 1987, the SAS ambushed guerrillas attacking the Loughgall police station in Northern Ireland and killed eight of them, a setback from which the IRA is still trying to recover.

Last March, the SAS sent another reminder, this time in Gibraltar where its operatives killed three IRA guerrillas who

the British military said were planning a massive car-bomb attack.

The British Army, which has 10,200 troops in Ulster, is keen to get the SAS more involved. Of the 73 people killed by the IRA in Northern Ireland, mainland Britain and elsewhere in Europe this year 26 have been British soldiers.

Attacks
In turning to the SAS, Thatcher is apparently willing to run the risk that the IRA, in desperation, would shift again to indiscriminate attacks, such as the Christmas bombing at London's Harrods Department Store in 1985.

Clearly what encourages Thatcher, and probably worries the guerrillas, is that the IRA's concerted attacks on British military "soft targets" has not brought what it had hoped for, a groundswell of demands by the public for British soldiers to get out of Northern Ireland.

For that reason, Thatcher has given short shrift to new demands for reintroduction of internment in Northern Ireland, which would permit security forces to hold terrorist suspects indefinitely without trial.

Internment
Internment was tried from 1971 to 1975. But even the prime minister at the time, Edward Heath, now admits that "looking back on it, we very quickly realised it was a mistake."

The big fish of the IRA, security sources say, fled across the border into Ireland. Most experts believe that without a similar policy in Ireland — and that is probably — internment would not work. Instead, it might present the IRA with a golden propaganda opportunity, particularly in the United States where the organisation has support among many Irish-Americans.

Bhutto's ghost lives on

By John Merritt

KARACHI: The 1988 Karachi telephone directory gives the number of a ghost. The entry reads: "Bhutto, Z.A., Late. No. 70 Clifton."

It is the spirit the people will vote for if a general election goes ahead in Pakistan after the death of President Zia. The spectre is tangible in the form of a glamorous 35-year-old woman who skillfully hides six months' pregnancy behind chiffon wraps.

Benazir Bhutto, leader in waiting, holds court to a stream of applicants from her Pakistan People's Party (237 candidates must be chosen), as well as supplicants from the other opposition parties. The neighbouring nineteenth century colonial residences now house the foreign consuls — and it is said that the Germans and Iranians lease their properties from her family.

Her name has not been added to the dynastic brass plaques at the gates. One of these proclaims: Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Barrister.

at-Law. Above it, another announces simply: Sir Shah-nawaz Bhutto. The first, her father; the second, her grandfather, a favourite of the Empire.

Audience

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MUSIC

'Satisfaction' heads list of all-time greats

100 hits you've loved or loathed since 1963

By Charles Bremner

WITH the Vietnam war dogging the vice-presidential hopes of a Sixties student and the release of the first government-approved hair restorer in America last week, it was a good time for the baby boom generation to look back on lost youth.



Keith Richards (left) and Mick Jagger of The Rolling Stones. Critics say their song Satisfaction was the 'anthem of the mid-Sixties.'

With impeccable timing, Rolling Stone magazine, chronicler of the rock age, seized the mood of nostalgia by issuing a list of the 100 best singles of the last 25 years.

Not surprisingly, a British song — the Rolling Stones' (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction — was the top choice of the 25 leading US pop critics who voted the ranking, and British bands accounted for over a quarter of the chart, from the Beatles' 1964 I Want to Hold Your Hand, voted third best, to the Sex Pistols' Anarchy in the UK of 1976, ranked at 32.

Curious

Curious though, was the relatively low ranking given to the Beatles by the purist American critics, though they and the Stones tie with four singles each — the most repeated artists on the list — and John Lennon makes the 100 with two of his own songs.

The second Beatles record was Hey Jude, rated at 29th, followed by Strawberry Fields Forever at 48 and Help at 53. In the Sixties, an extraordinarily consistent succession of 45s reaffirmed rock and

roll's power to electrify and inspire," said the editors, perhaps a little wistfully.

The biggest chill comes from realizing how accurately these singles mirrored the mood of youth at the time and echoed the changes convulsing the world at large. Two decades down the trail, they still resonate with power.

Rolling Stone said it chose

1963 — after Elvis Presley's greatest hits — as the starting date because it was a time of revitalization and reinvention following the pop slump of the late Fifties and early Sixties. "It began responding to the new sounds from England, Detroit, the West Coast and countless suburban garages."

Explaining the choice of Mick Jagger and Keith Rich-



The Beatles are ranked No. 3 with their 1964 hit I Want to Hold Your Hand. Three other Beatles' singles are rated numbers 29, 48 and 53.



Bob Dylan: No. 2 in the top 100

ards' snarling Satisfaction, anthem of the mid-Sixties, the editors said: "It is the perfect riff: tough, dramatic and instantaneous in its impact — the rock and roll equivalent of the opening notes of Beethoven's Fifth."

Keith Richards says he dreamed up that opening guitar riff in a motel in Florida while the band was touring in 1965. He handed them over to Mick Jagger, who made up the lyrics in 10 minutes by the swimming pool.

George Michael's 'Monkey' swings into top position in US

NEW YORK: Monkey took a big leap and carried George Michael to the top of the single pop record charts in the United States. The hit disc jumped from fifth place a week ago.

Elton John's I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That climbed two notches to second position on the Cash Box magazine chart. Last week's number one hit, Roll With It by Steve Winwood, tumbled to third.

Hands to Heaven by Breathe slipped from second to seventh spot, while "1-2-3" by Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine toppled from third to tenth.

New to the top 10 pop list this week were Perfect World by Huey Lewis and the News, up from 12th to 8th, and Simply Irresistible by Robert Palmer, up from 13th to 9th.

The Judds took over the top of the Cash Box magazine country-and-western singles chart with Give a Little Love. Patty Loveless was second with A Little Bit in Love, and Rodney Crowell third with I Couldn't Leave You If I Tried.

Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (5) Monkey — George Michael (Columbia)
- (4) I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That — Elton John (MCA)
- (1) Roll With It — Steve Winwood (Virgin)
- (8) Sweet Child O' Mine — Guns n' Roses (Geffen)
- (6) I Don't Wanna Live Without Your Love — Chicago (Warner Brothers)
- (10) Fast Car — Tracy Chapman (Elektra)
- (2) Hands to Heaven — Breathe (A and M)
- (12) Perfect World — Huey Lewis and the News (Chrysalis)
- (13) Simply Irresistible — Robert Palmer (EMI-Manhattan)
- (3) 1-2-3 Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine (EPIC)

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box



Kylie Minogue: No. 2 in the UK magazine, with last week's position in brackets: 1. (2) Give a Little Love —

The Judds (RCA/Curb)
2. (3) A Little Bit in Love — Patty Loveless (MCA)
3. (4) I Couldn't Leave You If I Tried — Rodney Crowell (Columbia)

4. (6) Do You Love Me — Say Yes Highway 101 — Warner Brothers
5. (7) Joe Knows How to Love — Eddy Raven (MCA)
6. (8) If the South Was a Wagon — Hank Williams Jr. (Warner Brothers-Curb)

7. (11) The Wanderer — The Rabbits (RCA)
8. (10) That's What Your Love Does to Me — The Dunn (MTA)

9. (11) Should Be With You — Steve Warner (MCA)
10. (12) Don't Give Candy to a Stranger — Larry Brown (Mercury-Polygram)

And in London's Yazz and the Plastic Population's Yazz Way is Up topped the British pop singles chart for a fourth straight week followed by Kylie Minogue's The Loco-Motion and I Need You by B.V.S.M.P., which switched places.

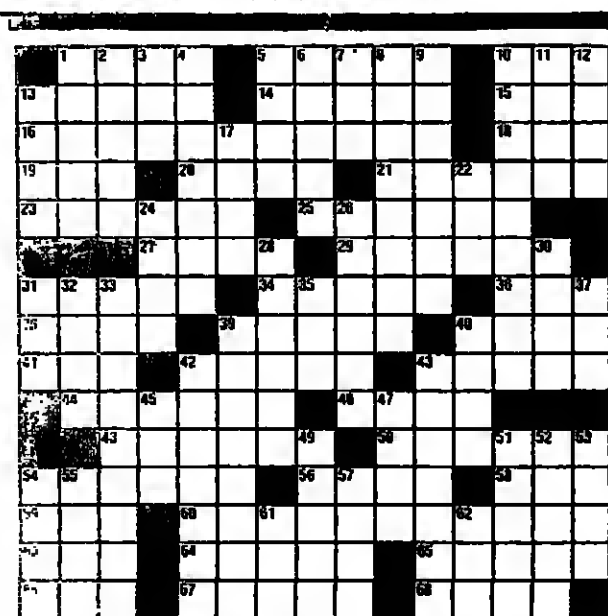
The Harder I Try by Bonnier Beyond soared from 12th to 4th, and My Love by Stevie Wonder and Julio Iglesias, arrived at 6th place from 21st.

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) The Only Way Is Up — Yazz and the Plastic Population (Big Life)
- (3) The Loco-Motion — Kylie Minogue (PWL)
- (2) I Need You — B.V.S.M.P. (Debut)
- (11) The Harder I Try — Brother Beyond (Parlophone)
- (5) Hands to Heaven — Breathe (Virgin)
- (21) My Love — John Iglesias and Stevie Wonder (CBS)
- (4) You Came — Kim Wilde (MCA)
- (8) Find My Love — Funground Attractions (BMG)
- (6) Superfly Guy — S Express (Mute)
- (12) Roses Are Red — Mac Band Feat McCampbell Bros (MCA)

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- Love deeply
 - Maize native
 - Hunter's take
 - Fill the bill
 - Made of a certain cereal grass
 - Walnut product
 - They put words in other people's mouths
 - Pindar work
 - Pierrot of song
 - Deserve
 - Band or dog
 - It's hot when smoked
 - Legislative body
 - Of the ear
 - Small kitchen
 - Sufficient
 - Overact
 - Broadcaster's need
 - Sinker
 - Classify
 - Aware of
 - Mrs. Sprat's preference
 - Hoot's opposite
 - Measured
 - Tropical vine
 - Corn's may be smoked
 - Eaten away
 - Feudal retainer
 - Ponies or beans
 - Rockless dam
 - Cure
 - Destiny
 - A report not to be sneezed at
 - He shared a pea green boat
 - M. Zola
 - Saa eagles
 - Space for passing
- DOWN
- Noted Alabama city
 - Bring up the rear
 - Creepy plant
 - Revised
 - "Honi — qui mal y pense"
 - Carries on
 - Ordinal forming suffix
 - Set off
 - Tangia in
 - Weapon that makes a comeback
 - Verdi opus
 - Small valley
 - Health resorts
 - Hindu princess
 - French season
 - Give shape
 - Ancient lyric
 - Cherry red
 - Locale
 - Alien on TV
 - A square one is
 - Great amounts
 - How one should wait in doctor's office?
 - Rad apple, for short
 - Scepter
 - Joyful
 - Sturdy trees
 - Mada hika Paul
 - Pry
 - Quick looks
 - Learned
 - Russian equivalent of John
 - Parry's Miss Street
 - Health club feature
 - Choreographer de Milla
 - Rants out
 - Do farm work
 - Davenport's locale
 - Knowing grin
 - Women's —
 - Raw metal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

OSAR APSE CALLA
MAME WEED ARDIO
EVIL AREO STOKO
GENEKRUPIA TIMES
AADDEND SALE
NIOBE OVAL HOMO
ANNUL GEM KAREN
SCAND FORE AWARE
HANDLE TRAY
YODO CASSIA
OPERA CHICKWEBB
REMIT TALE EASY
ELITE EVEN EYES
LITHE TEST TONS

GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
DON'T DRAW DIAGRAM

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 6 5
♥ Q 4 3 2
♦ Q J 2
♣ A J 10 2

EAST
♠ 4 3 2
♥ K J 10 5
♦ A 10 9 6 5
♣ Q 9 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♥ A 9 8
♦ K 8 7
♣ K 6 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT 2 ♣ 3 ♠ Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠
It has become fashionable to use overcalls of strong bids to show two-suited hands. That is well and good if you buy the hand. However, when you do not, you might find that you have shown declarer the way to get home.

West made a puny attempt to interfere with his opponents' auction by making an artificial two-club overcall, which promised at least 10 cards in two unspecified suits.

North's three clubs was an attempt to locate a 4-4 major fit, and South closed out the auction while denying that he had a four-card major.

Declarer ducked the first spade but won the continuation. He made a good shot by leading a diamond to the queen, then continuing with the jack to West's ace. That defender forced out declarer's remaining spade stopper. Then came the key play—declarer cashed the king of diamonds, and East's heart discard made the hand a virtual open book.

With East marked for the long clubs, declarer cashed the ace and pushed the jack through East. He covered with the queen, and declarer took his club winners and then threw East in with the last club. Left with nothing but hearts, that worthy was forced to lead away from his king into declarer's combined A-Q tenace, thereby conceding the full-filling trick.

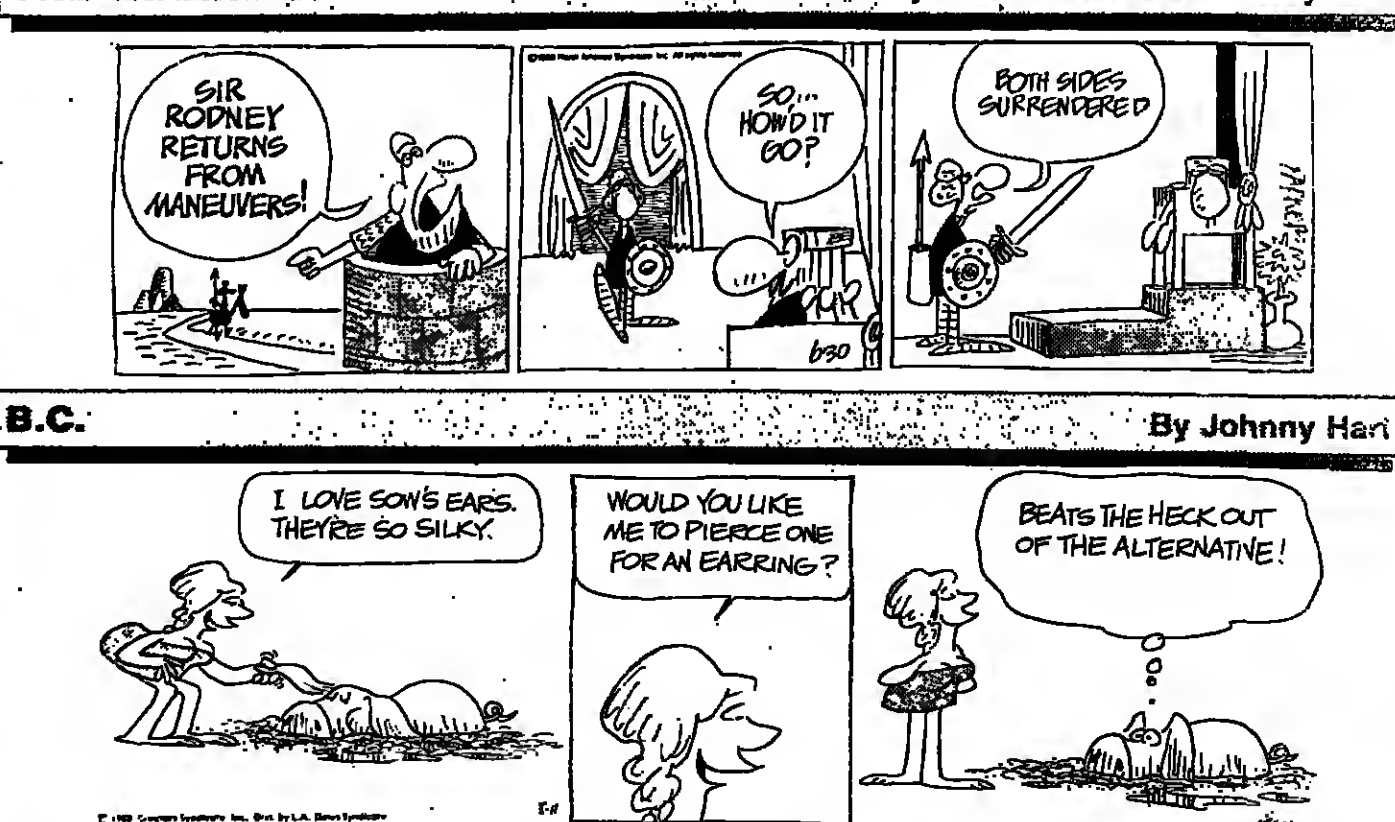
Had West been silent, declarer almost surely would have gone wrong in the play. To start with, the correct technical play in the club suit would be to cash the king and then finesse, because that would allow declarer to bring in four club tricks if West held the queen, even if it was triply guarded.



"I got you a four-slice toaster."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You should try to spend at least part of the day tidying up. You should not be in such a hurry that you do not have time to do anything properly. Take a little extra care when on the road. Be cordial.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You will be able to have a pleasant day in good company. Do not adopt a leisurely pace which will compel you to rush things because you have wasted time. Make sure your partner feels satisfied. Be considerate.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You should not be against changes but must be careful about making them. You will have to be on your guard when dealing with someone you do not know well. Do not take everything you hear as gospel truth. Be reliable.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
There will be plenty to do but if you do not either you will have enough time for everything. You should not be quite so extravagant. Make sure you do not leave undone what should be done. Be responsive.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You will be in high spirits and must beware of doing things on the spur of the moment. Do not behave as though you were ten years younger than you are. Think once again before you act. Be generous.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
You will be disappointed at the rate of progress but you should nonetheless persevere. You should avoid taking any undue risks just now. Make sure you do not cast so much that you put on weight. Be reasonable.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
You will meet someone very much to your liking but must not let any secrets out of the bag just yet. You will be able to increase your chances of success. Something you have learnt recently will come in very handy. Be resilient.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
You are liable to make the same mistake yet again, so beware. You should not let others deceive you. However do not be needlessly suspicious either. Be moderate.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You will be faced with an unusual situation but you will know how to deal with it. You must avoid driving too fast or too long without a break. Do not believe all you hear and do not let your eyes deceive you. Be generous.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**
You will be better able to deal with a problem you will not be able to solve overnight. You are rather too liable to jump to conclusions and act on impulse; beware. Take a bit better care of your health. Be sensible.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**
You will have a good opportunity but must act fast if you do not want to miss it. You will be able to make up for a recent error. You must take care not to get into an argument. Be punctual.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You should not allow yourself to believe that everything is as you would like it to be. Take even more care than usual if you are climbing a ladder. Avoid dwelling on the past. Be selective.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	199.0
ABBEE LIFE	309/0	
ADT LTD	132.5	
ALD LYONS	396/0	
AMSTRAD	206/0	
ARGYLE GP	178/0	
ASDA GP	152.0	
BAA	263.0	
BTR	70.72	
BAT INDS	437.0	
BARCLAYS	396.0	
BASS	758/0	
BEAZER	164.0	
BECHAMS	467/0	
BERISFORD	371.0	
BICC PLC	340.0	
BLUE ARROW	94/0	
BLUE CIRC	427.0	
BOC GP	392.0	
BOOTS CO	212/0	
BPB INDS	272.0	
BR COMM	225.0	
BR AIRWAY	153.0	
BR AEROSP	494.0	
BR GAS RG	176/4	
BR GAS RT	173/0	
BR LAND	314/0	
B.P.P.	238.5	
BR TELCOM	233/0	
BURMAN DL	504/0	
BURTON	210.0	
CABLESWIR	367.0	
CADBURYS	364/0	
COATS VVY	214.0	
COMINT	367/0	
COWS GOLD	990/0	
COOKSON	239/0	
COURTAULD	321/0	
DALGETY	331.0	
DEE CP	174/0	
DIXONS	158.5	
ENG CHINA	463/0	
ENTER OIL	445.0	
FKI BACCK	122/0	
FERRANTI	90.0	
GEN ACCIO	881/0	
GEN ELEC	155/0	
GLAXO	935.0	
GRANADA	291/0	
GLOBE	139.5	
GLYNED	296.0	
GRAND MET	501.0	
GUARD RYL	178/0	
GKN	316/0	
GUINNESS	307/0	
HMMERSON	610.0	
HANSON	137/0	
HARRISON C	623/0	
HUKER SIO	512/0	
HILLSDOWN	73.72	
ICI	993/0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	738/0	737/0
600 GROUP	107/0	107/0
A.AMER TS	359/0	356/0
A.B.ELECT	414/0	414/0
A.S.W.HLD	179/0	179/0
AAB KENT	80/0	81/0
AAH HLD	267/0	267/0
AARONSON	118/0	118/0
ADDISON	36/0	36/0
ADWEST	336/0	335/0
ALEX WKW	159/0	155/0
ALEXON	365/0	365/0
ALLO COLL	124/0	124/0
ALLO IR B	252/0	250/0
ALLO LON	124/0	124/0
ALLO PLMT	58/0	59/0
ALLIANCE	834/0	832/0
AMEC	364/0	362/0
AMER TST	124/0	124/0
AMERSHAM	610/0	611/0
AMH HLTHC	252/0	251/0
ANGLIA IV	177/0	175/0
ANGLO O'S	203/0	203/0
ANSBACHER	84/0	85/0
APPLYARD	483/0	480/0
APV PLC	117/0	118/0
AQUAS.A	75/0	76/0
ARAN ENGY	63/0	63/0
ARCHER AJ	152/0	151/0
ARLINGTON	164/0	165/0
ARMSTRONG	119/0	120/0
ASHLEY LA	113/0	113/0
ATLANTIC	490.0	490.0
ATWOODS	282/0	283/0
AUS REE A	275/0	273/0
AUTO SECS	268/0	266/0
AVDEL PLC	60/0	60/0
AVIS EUR	350/0	350/0
AVON RUBB	722/0	722/0
B.WEILLML	177/0	177/0
BAILL JAP	480/0	478/0
BAILL SHI	80/4	80/4
BAIRO (W)	265/0	266/0
BANK IRE	232/0	230/0
BANKER IT	71/4	72/0
BARKER OD	139/0	140/0
BARRT OEV	178/0	178/0
BAYNES C	29/0	30/0
BBA GROUP	172/0	173/0
BEAR B.WT	3/0	3/0
BEAR BRND	8/4	8/4
BEATTIE J	148/0	148/0
BEJAN GP	161/0	162/0
BELHAVEN	59/0	59/0
BELLWAY	243/0	243/0
BENROSE	217/0	218/0
BENLOK HO	45/0	46/0
BERKELEY	304/0	304/0
BHAM MINT	407/0	408/0
BHH GROUP	103/0	103/0
BK OF SCO	355/0	355/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1425.4	1432.6	1467.5	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	1016.3	1016.3	1039.0	1052.0
FT ALL SHR	928.91	928.91	950.34	963.01
FT GOV SEC	87.34	87.34	87.60	87.92
FT GOLD MN	199.1	199.1	197.5	207.2
FT MINES F	522.73	522.73	572.58	517.46
FT OIL	1772.9	1772.9	1772.5	1834.0
FT WLD OIL	126.26	126.26	125.85	126.05
FT WLD STG	108.40	108.40	109.33	109.51
FT WLD LOC	114.07	114.48	114.22	115.44

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OFF LOWS IN LATE BUSINESS
LONDON, AUG 26, REUTER - THE EFFECT OF WEAK STERLING AND A SUBSEQUENT SHARP RISE IN STERLING MONEY MARKET RATES WAS DAMPENED BY A HIGHER TREND ON THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET, AND SHARE PRICES STOOD WELL OFF THEIR LOWS IN LATE TRADING.
DEALERS SAID TRADING WAS NERVOUS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AS THE MARKET GRAPPELED WITH THE IMPLICATIONS OF YESTERDAY'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND BASE RATE NEWS. BUT FEW MARKET OBSERVERS EXPECT PRICES TO DROP MUCH BELOW CURRENT LEVELS.
AT 1430 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS DOWN A NET 11.5 POINTS AT 1,768.7 AFTER A LOW OF 1,759.7 AT 1049 GMT. VOLUME, AS WAS THE CASE YESTERDAY, WAS HIGHER THAN OF LATE AT 358 MLN SHARES.
ALTHOUGH THE MARKET WAS VERY NERVOUS OVER THE TREND OF INTEREST RATES, HIGH INSTITUTIONAL LIQUIDITY IS EXPECTED TO UNDO THE MARKET.
"IF INVESTORS HAVEN'T SOLD AFTER ALL THIS BAD NEWS I CAN'T SEE THEM SELLING AT ALL," ONE ANALYST SAID. "THE MARKET IS OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE SENSITIVE TO MORE BAD NEWS BUT I CAN'T SEE A DRAMATIC SELF-OFF...CERTAINLY NOTHING LIKE OCTOBER'S CRASH."
THE THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE, THE GUIDE TO BASE RATES, WAS QUOTED 3/8 POINT UP AT 12-5/16 3/16 ON THE WEAKNESS OF STERLING. SOME INVESTORS ARE WORRIED THAT THE POUND COULD DROP IN NEW YORK AND TOKYO ON MONDAY WHEN THE UK IS ON HOLIDAY.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 26, REUTER - GOLD BULLION CLOSED THE WEEK WITHIN 50 CENTS OF WHERE IT BEGAN AS PRE-WEEKEND LONG LIQUIDATION AND SELLING IN NEW YORK TOOK ALL PRECIOUS METALS LOWER LATE THIS AFTERNOON.
GOLD CLOSED AT 432.00/432.50 DLRS, UP 50 CENTS FROM THE START OF THIS WEEK BUT DOWN A DOLLAR FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE. THE WEEK'S TRADING RANGE IN LONDON WAS ONLY JUST OVER SEVEN OILS AT 429.75 TO 437 DLRS.
IT RETREATED AS NEW YORK PRICES FOR ALL PRECIOUS METALS CAME UNDER PRESSURE FROM FUND SELLING THAT MAY HAVE BEEN LONG LIQUIDATION AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND, DEALERS SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 26, REUTER - MONEY RATES WERE AS MUCH AS 3/8 POINT FIRMER AS STERLING LOST GROUND ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGES DESPITE YESTERDAY'S ONE POINT RISE IN U.K. BASE RATES TO 12 PCT.
THE BANK OF ENGLAND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE INTERVENED MODESTLY EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON TO SUPPORT THE POUND WHICH WAS QUOTED AT AROUND 3.14 MARKS AT 1500 GMT AFTER CLOSING AT 3.1655 YESTERDAY. STERLING LOST 0.3 IN TRADE WEIGHTED TERMS TO STAND AT 75.6.
ONE DEALER SAID, "THE MARKET IS THIN AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND SO THESE MOVES COULD BE EXAGGERATED BUT SENTIMENT IS THE KEY AND A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK BASE RATES COULD RISE FURTHER." THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS 3/8 POINT UP AT 12-5/16 3/16 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	FIX
DLR 1.6855/65	1.6875/85	1.8635/40	6.3330/60	MID
STG 1.6855/65	1.6875/85	1.8635/40	6.3330/60	FIX
DMK 1.8616/86	3.141/155	10.6805/6965	29.350/510	FIX
FFR 6.3360/3480	10.687/705	339.53/40.17	24.83/86	1300
SFR 1.5745/5755	2.6542/6575	84.36/45	33.24	FIX
NFL 2.1070	3.5545	0.768503	2.42692	8.26476
ECU 1.11207	.699201	2.07041	7.04831	CLSE
SDR 1.29339	0.768503	2.42692	8.26476	CLSE
YEN 135.80/90	225.58/92	25/08/1988	OTHERS	26/08/1988
SDR RATES	25/08/1988	OTHERS	26/08/1988	NOON

BLCK LE 2	14/2	14/4
BNETT +F	37/0	37/0
BOASE MAS	238/0	238/0
BODDINGIN	147/0	146/0
BODY SHPR	605/0	605/0
BOOT HENR	385/0	383/0
BORTHWICK	61/0	61/0
BR ARROW	104/0	103/0
BR ASSETS	66/0	66/4
BR DREDGI	128/0	128/0
BR VITA	232/0	232/0
BRENT CHE	142/0	141/0
BRENT WKR	382/0	382/0
BRIDON	160/0	160/0
BRITAIN SE	183/0	182/0
BRITANNIC	348/0	344/0
BRITON E	322/0	323/0
BRYANI GP	133/0	133/0
BSC INTL	63/4	63/4
BSR INTL	81/0	83/0
BULLOUGH	463/0	463/0
BULNER HP	163/0	162/0
CALENDONIA	384/0	380/0
CAP GROUP	298/0	297/0
CAP-RADIO	309/0	309/0
CARADON	340/0	340/0
CARLTON EN	158/0	157/0
CARLTON C	721/0	718/0
CASE GRP	127.0	127.0
CATER ALL	349/0	349/0
CATTLE HD	65/4	65/0
CAULDON	11/0	11/0
CENTL ITV	541/0	540/0
CHAM PHRR	156/0	156/0
CHARTERHA	22/2	22/4
CHAS CHUR	103/0	103/0
CHLORIDE	55/0	55/0
CHRISTIES	524/0	525/0
CIL GROUP	46/0	46/0
CNTRY OIL	169/0	169/0
CONTEY BR	325/0	325/0
COLLINS W	568/0	568/0
COLLOROLL	190/0	191/0
CONNELLS	285/0	288/0
COSTAIN	300/0	300/0
COURTS A	274/0	273/0
COURTS FR	398/0	395/0
CREST NIC	199/0	200/0
CRH	133/0	133/0
CRODA INT	202/0	202/0
CRYSTALAT	154/0	153/0
CTRY PROP	285/0	283/0
DARES EST	29/4	29/4
DAVIS GDO	163/0	161/0
DAVY CORP	145/0	145/0
DE LA RUE	488/0	485/0
DELTA GRP	291/0	292/0
DEVENISH	335/0	333/0
DONTY GRP	211.0	212.0
DRAYTON C	437/0	436/0
DUNHMS NW	79/0	79/0
DUNDEE LD	294/0	295/0
DUNHILL	216/0	217/0
EAGLE TST	14/6	14/6
EIN T.I	148/0	149/0
ELECTROD	204/0	202/0
ELLIS EVA	187/0	188/0
ENAP	212/0	212/0
EMPIRE ST	263/0	263/0
ERA GROUP	88/0	88/0
EURO-HOME	324/0	325/0
EUTHERMOT	370/0	377/0
EUTRNL INT	302/0	302/0
EUTRNL TV	192/0	192/0
EXPAMET	204/0	203/0
FAC ENROT	28/0	28/4
FAC EUIOT	206/0	206/0
FAC PACIF	134/0	133/0
FAC-SMILR	71/0	71/0
FALCON	102.0	105.0
FARNELL E	144.3	143.0
FEO-HOUSH	280/0	280/0
FENNER JN	162/0	162/0
FERGUSON	270/0	270/0
FINLAN GP	89/0	90/0
FINLAY J	104/0	105/0
FITCH LOW	277/0	278/0
FLMG AMER	115/4	115/0
FLMG F.V	177/0	176/0
FLMG IND	136/0	136/0
FLMG JAPN	208/0	206/0
FLMG MERC	174/0	174/0
FLMG TECH	181/4	182/0
FOR & COL	103/4	104/0
FRESHBKE	160/0	160/0
FROSBROKE	378/0	377/0
GALLIFORD	68/0	69/0
GARROINER	51.0	51.0
GEST	274/0	273/0
GLD INTL	134/0	134/0
GROBMANST	267/0	265/0
GESTETNER	203/0	203/0
GPC	51/0	51/0
GRANPH HD	276/0	277/0
GREEN KNG	458/0	457/0
GREENWAL	235/0	235/0
GREYCOAT	399/0	399/0
GRUP TV A	45/0	45/0
GT PRITLND	333/0	333/0
GUINNESS MA	121/0	121/0
GUS ORD	700/0	700/0
GVTY ATLA	122/0	122/0
GVTY STRA	227/0	227/0
HALL (HS)	111/0	111/0
HALL (MS)	139/0	139/0
HALLA	182/0	182/0
HAMBROS J	216/0	216/0
HAMMERSON	626/0	625/0
HAZELWOOD	45/0	45/4
HEATH(CCE)	417/0	414/0
HELENE PL	35/0	35/0
HEPWRTH	238/0	239/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	324.3	323.5	323.5	278.4
AUSTRIA	222.1	221.7	220.6	203.8
BELGIUM	380.5	379.3	377.9	365.7
CANADA	353.4	356.2	359.7	363.4
DENMARK	431.9	435.2	438.1	436.4
FRANCE	360.3	365.7	362.7	370.9
GERMANY	181.4	180.8	179.5	166.3
HONG KONG	1854.6	1856.9	1863.0	1825.7
FINLAND	120.8	120.7	122.5	108.1
ITALY	420.0	422.9	426.6	402.3
JAPAN	1284.2	1281.1	1290.9	1269.9
NETHERLANDS	253.5	258.8	257.8	238.4
NEW ZEAL	100.0	99.1	99.1	98.9
NORWAY	456.7	467.6	476.3	475.2
SPAIN	609.8	608.6	609.1	633.7
SWEDEN	915.4	915.4	912.3	856.8
SWITZ	175.7	160.0	159.9	157.4
U.K.	538.4	550.4	549.7	526.3
U.S.A.	238.9	240.6	237.0	251.9
WORLD	827.3	827.6	827.5	827.3
E.A.F.E.	823.8	823.8	829.5	829.3

Fast Remittance at Competitive Rates

Egypt * Jordan * India * Sri Lanka * Pakistan * Bangladesh
* Philippines * South Korea

Commercial Bank

NEW YORK

NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSCH COM	29/5	29/5
ATLANTIC R	80/4	80/4
AAR CORP	25/6	25/4

International Bond Highlights

LONDON — Alliance and Leicester Building Society is issuing a 200 mln stg floating rate note due September, 1993, paying 1/8 point over the three month London Interbank offered rate with a minimum coupon of five p.c. lead manager J.B. International Ltd. said. (RTWJ 1445)

TOKYO — Rion Co Ltd said it will offer to the public 30 billion yen in 9-1/2 year unsecured convertible bonds. The bonds will be priced at par and mature on March 31, 1993, while the coupon will be decided at the next board meeting. (RTTH 0906)

LONDON — Swedish Export Credit is issuing a 200 mln dir Eurobond due October 7, 1991 paying 9-1/2 p.c., priced at 101-1/4 p.c., lead manager J.B. International Ltd. said. (RTZU 0846)

LONDON — The Eurobond launched recently for Electricite de France has been increased to 250 mln dir from the initial 200 mln due to good demand for the deal, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities Ltd. said. (RTTM 0920)

FRANKFURT — Japanese transport firm Sanko Co Ltd is launching a 130 mln mark warrant Eurobond due October 1, 1993 with an indicated coupon for 1-1/2 p.c. per pricing, lead manager Bayerische Vereinsbank AG said. (RTZH 0741)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LON 12-1/8 12	12-1/8 12	12-5/16 3/16
FF 4.55/65	5.10/15	5.35/40
PAR 7-3/4 15/16	7-1/2 5/8	7-13/16 15/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3 3-1/4	3-1/2 5-3/4
BRX 4.85	7-1/8 1/4	7-1/2 5/8
ROM 10 10-1/2	11-3/8 11-7/8	11-1/4 11-3/4
AMS 5.0 5-1/4	5-3/8 5-1/2	5-5/8 5-3/4
TOK 3.8125 8700	4.1250 1875	4.0625 1250
ECU 6.87 7.12	7.16 7.31	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6	6-1/4
3 months	6-1/8	6-3/8
6 months	6-3/16	6-1/2
1 year	6-3/16	6-9/16

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	53.50	53	68 NICO	575	570	582.50
ICIA PAINT	227	230	232	65	47	46.50	88.50	88	92
SAJAJ AUTO	262.50	262.50	263.75	105.50	104	103.50	502.50	505	502.50
SAJAJ RAYON	235	235	235	144.50	145	147	22.50	23	22.50
SAJAJ DYING	112	111	102.50	77	77.50	96.50	30.50	51	51.25
SR. BOND	85	85	87	26	26.25	28	52.50	52	52.50
SSE INDEX	599.22	594.68	594.68	27	26.50	27	200	202	200
CENTURYSPG	912.50	920	926.25	66	66.50	66	71.50	71	72.50
COLGATE	220	220	222.50	150	147.50	150	48.25	48.25	47.50
DEEPAKPERT	37	37	37	38	38.50	38	240	240	240
EL. HOTEL	50	49	50	68	68.75	69	217.50	215	215
ESKAYEF	118.75	117.50	118.75	110.50	111	109.50	73	72.50	73
ESSAR	20.50	17.75	17.25	57	57	57	665	675	677.50
GAR. POLY	74	74	74	10.25	10.12	10.25	815.75	822.50	822.50
GE. SHIP	27.85	28	27.75	50	48	54	335	340	342.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AGG	202.5	202.4
ALLIANZ VR	1490.0	1492.5
BADENWERK	177.5	180.0
BASF	258.6	261.0
BAYER	290.0	291.0
BAYER HYP	325.5	327.5
BAYER VER	323.0	325.0
BBC	303.2	303.0
BHF	409.0	412.0
BNW	477.0	485.0
COMERZBK	224.2	225.0
CONTI GUM	237.0	238.0
DATHEM BEM	450.0	452.0
DEUTSCHE BIK	455.3	458.0
DRESDENER	571.0	578.0
DRESDNER	256.2	256.6
FAZ BARCOCK	171.2	171.0
FAZ INDEX	478.65	482.10
FELDMUEHLE	267.8	268.0
GOLDSCHEID	290.0	286.5
HARPER	421.0	428.0
HOECHST AG	279.7	280.0
HOECHST	155.6	157.2
HORTEN	189.0	188.0
HUSSEL HALZ	401.5	408.0
KALI SALD	161.0	162.2
KARSTADT	396.2	395.2
KARSTADT	342.0	341.0
KLOECK M	135.1	136.0
KLOECK W	135.1	136.0
LINDE	679.5	681.0
LUFTHANSA	136.0	137.0
MAN	199.7	201.9
MANNESMAN	173.0	173.5
MERCEDES	513.0	515.0
METALLURG	296.5	298.0
NORDFORD PF	425.0	419.6
NORSK HYD	55.20	56.30
PHILIP HED	615.0	619.0
PORSCHE	554.0	554.0
PREUSSAG	170.0	171.0
REI METAL	214.0	215.0
RHEINMETAL	284.0	277.0
RWE	228.0	230.0
RWE P	211.7	212.0
SALAMANDER	251.0	250.0
SCHERING	498.0	496.0
SEL	276.0	280.1
SIEMENS	422.5	425.5
THYSEN	149.4	151.1
VARTA	271.0	272.0
VEBA	254.0	254.1
VEW	159.4	159.5
WOLSKNAGEN	248.2	250.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
H TUNNEL	14.70	15.10
HEUNG K	7.05	7.15
HINA GAS	15.60	16.00
HINA L-P	15.70	16.00
HINA MTR	20.20	20.70
HSND PRO	3.45	3.50
HSND IND	4.45	4.7
R EAST C	68	74
N ORIENT	9.40	9.50
S INDEX	444.83	520.86
NG LUNG	4.80	4.97
NG SUNG	28.00	28.50
V PAR BR	9.72	9.72
ELEC CO	7.00	7.10
KOMCOON	7.75	7.85
LAUD CO	8.00	8.15
SHAN BK	6.10	6.20
SHAN HT	4.45	4.72
TELE CO	5.30	5.40
ICI WHAM	7.95	8.35
JO PAC	11.30	11.60
WORLD	12.50	13.00
WORLD	9.00	9.10
WORLD	6.80	10.70
WORLD	2.92	2.80
WORLD	7.15	7.15
WORLD	1.84	1.94
WORLD	9.85	10.00
WORLD	2.07	2.15
WORLD	2.67	2.80
WORLD	17.20	17.90
WORLD	12.80	12.80
WORLD	3.37	3.45
WORLD	1.51	1.55
WORLD	0	7.25
WORLD	0	1.15
WORLD	3.72	3.80

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJUNOMOTO	2900	2900
AKAI ELEC	602	615
AKAI OPT	907	911
ASAHI GLS	1850	1880
ASAHI OPT	674	674
BANK TOKYO	1550	1550
BRIDGESTON	1270	1280
CANON	1480	1490
CASIO COMP	1420	1470
CIRGAI PHM	1500	1520
CITIZEN W	810	811
D-ICHI KAN	2950	2990
DAI NIP IK	765	790
DAI NIP SC	2560	2600
DAI NIP TO	1060	1080
DAI NIP TO	620	643
DAI NIP TO	818	830
DAI NIP TO	2000	2020
DAI NIP TO	2290	2310
DAI NIP TO	921	917
DAI NIP TO	1950	2000
DAI NIP TO	1820	1850
DAI NIP TO	3150	3150
DAI NIP TO	3790	3800
DAI NIP TO	1780	1750
DAI NIP TO	712	715
DAI NIP TO	1730	1770
DAI NIP TO	2110	2180
DAI NIP TO	2250	2290
DAI NIP TO	4270	4300
DAI NIP TO	1140	1160
DAI NIP TO	14400	14400
DAI NIP TO	640	635
DAI NIP TO	1440	1430
DAI NIP TO	3040	3060
DAI NIP TO	1690	1700
DAI NIP TO	622	643
DAI NIP TO	733	745
DAI NIP TO	1910	1890
DAI NIP TO	761	765
DAI NIP TO	731	750
DAI NIP TO	5740	5840
DAI NIP TO	1650	1670
DAI NIP TO	3000	3020
DAI NIP TO	2690	2720
DAI NIP TO	0	2660
DAI NIP TO	950	925
DAI NIP TO	1470	1460

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE DOWN IN THIN TRADE. TOKYO, AUG 26, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED DOWN IN THIN TRADE AFTER A STRING OF EUROPEAN INTEREST RATE HIKES OVERNIGHT AND THE END OF TRADING FOR AUGUST SETTLEMENT ON SATURDAY DAMPENED SENTIMENT, BROKERS SAID.

"VOLUME IS LIGHT. IT'S NOT A PANIC SELL-OUT," SAID CASEY FLAHERTY, A TRADER AT YAMAICHI SECURITIES.

"THE OVERALL FEAR OF INTEREST RATE HIKES IS PREVAILING IN THE MARKET. BUT THERE IS OPTIMISM THAT JAPAN WILL NOT RAISE INTEREST RATES SOON," HE ADDED.

THE NIKKEI INDEX LOST 305.03 POINTS, OR 1.09 PCT, TO 27,565.41. IT GAINED 70.77 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

FALLS LED RISES BY 4.3 TO ONE IN THIN TURNOVER OF 450 MLN SHARES AGAINST 400 MLN.

COMMUNICATIONS, SECURITIES HOUSE, RETAIL, WAREHOUSE, ELECTRICAL, BANK, RAILWAY/BUS, RUBBER, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND AUTO SHARES LED THE DECLINES. THE ONLY SECTOR TO RISE WAS PHARMACEUTICALS.

THE BUNDESBANK RAISED ITS DISCOUNT RATE BY HALF A PERCENTAGE POINT ON THURSDAY AFTER A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

THE MARKET HAD ALREADY DISCOUNTED THIS TO SOME EXTENT.

TRADE HAD BEEN SLAGGED AND INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS MOSTLY SIDELINED THROUGH THE WEEK, BROKERS SAID.

"IT LOOKS LIKE MOST OF THE BAD NEWS HAS BLOWN UP FOR THE TIME BEING AND PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR THE NEW TRADING PERIOD," SAID MIKE MORIUMI, AN ANALYST AT MERRILL LYNCH JAPAN INC.

A RELATIVELY CALM REACTION BY WALL STREET OVERNIGHT, WITH THE DOW JONES AVERAGE CLOSING DOWN 16 POINTS AT 2,011, SOOTHED INVESTORS WHO WILL WATCH TO SEE IF CAN STAY ABOVE THE 2,000-POINT LINE, BROKERS SAID.

BUT SOME WERE SURPRISED AT THE SHARP DROP HERE.

A NUMBER OF THE OTHER EUROPEAN INTEREST RATE INCREASES NIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATED THE WAY THE WEST GERMAN DISCOUNT RATE RISE WAS, SAID MORIUMI.

Hong Kong Stock Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG 26, REUTER - THE HANG SENG STOCK INDEX CLOSED 56.03 POINTS, OR 2.2 PCT, WEAKER AT 2,464.85 AFTER BEING DOWN MORE THAN 70 POINTS AT ONE STAGE, BROKERS SAID.

BROKERS SAID THE MARKET WAS AFFECTED BY FALLS IN OTHER REGIONAL MARKETS INCLUDING BANGKOK, SINGAPORE AND TAIPEI, BUT BARGAIN-HUNTING HELPED IT FINISH ABOVE ITS LOWS. THEY ALSO BLAMED THE MARKET'S WEAKNESS ON WALL STREET'S FALL WHICH STEMMED FROM INCREASES IN KEY EUROPEAN INTEREST RATES.

AMMAN

As of 24.8.88	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.06	1.08
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.57	1.55
ARAB BANK	113.7	111.2
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.96	3.95
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.39	1.39
ARAB INSURANCE	0.83	0.90
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90
ARAB INT. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER COM/TKD	0.29	0.27
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	1.92	1.91
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	14.90	14.90
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO AMMAN BANK	28.00	28.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.45	0.42
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	1.53	1.54
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.51	0.50
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.53	0.53
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.29	1.33
GENERAL MINING	1.35	1.40
HIMMEH MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	1.26
IND/MATCH JENCO	0.60	0.58
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BKK	1.47	1.47
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGRI	1.16	1.16
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV	0.20	0.20
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.22	1.20
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	14.50	14.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	1.20	1.23
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.74	1.65
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.87	0.84
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.50
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.45	1.47
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.66	0.62
JOR LHM BRICK	0.22	0.22
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.51	2.51
JOR PAPER CARD/BRD	3.20	3.22
JOR PHOSPHATE NING	2.54	2.52
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.22	1.22
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
JOR ROCK WOL IND.	0.61	0.60
JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.75	0.76
JOR SELPHO CHEN.	2.37	2.37
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.07	1.05
JOR WORSTED MILL	4.60	4.60
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.52	7.50
JOR. FRESH INS.	4.50	4.41
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.00	2.00
JORDAN GULF REAL	0.28	0.28
JORDAN DAIRY	0.98	0.98
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.20	1.19
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BKK	1.65	1.65
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.37	1.37
JORDAN TANNING	2.00	1.97
LIVESTOCK/POLTRY	0.65	0.68
MACH/ENR/RENT/MAIN	0.77	0.77
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.60
MIDDLE EAST INS	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.78
NAT/CABLE/TELE/RF	0.97	0.98
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.22	1.22
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.59	0.59
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.68	0.68
NATIONAL STEEL	2.56	2.55
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.97	2.00
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.38
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81	0.82
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42	0.42
SHIPPING LINES	0.86	0.85
SPINNING MEVING	0.75	0.74
THE HOUSING BANK	1.87	1.90
UNITED INSURANCE	0.94	0.95
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.47	1.43
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.70	0.70
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.70	0.70
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.05	1.05

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	71.00	72.50
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.45	.44
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.30	LC-B	.46	.47
ANS	2.46	2.48	2.48	PX-A	.34	.33
FMS-A	2.48	2.50	2.46	PX-B	.33	.34
GLD	33.00	33.50				
PLBT	216.00	214.00	215.00	BP-A	.017	.018
KPSI-A	2.02	2.06		BP-B	.018	.017
SMC-A	140.00	141.00	139.00	LRC-A	.003	.0034
SMC-B	219.00	220.00		LRC-B	.003	.0032
MINING SECTOR				OPM-A	.029	.03
APK-A	.032		.032	OPM-B	.03	.031
APK-B	.033	.034	.033	OV-A	.028	.029
AT	18.50	19.00	18.25	OV-B	.028	.028

Sterling sinks

Markets steady amid inflation, rate anxiety

LONDON, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Stock markets mostly kept cool today at the end of a week when rising inflation in the global economy forced six European nations to raise interest rates.

Wall Street share values showed early modest gains, after a 16-point drop on the Dow Jones industrial average yesterday immediately after the interest rate moves by West Germany and others including Britain and France.

New York dealers said news today of a less than expected rise of 0.5 per cent in US personal spending in July eased fears of inflation.

"People were looking for a signal and they got a positive one," said senior trader Ken Ducey at S.G. Warburg.

The Dow Jones New York's midday was up 7.29 at 2,018.14, little changed from where it began this week.

Gains

Today's surprise gains in New York put heart into the London market which ended with the 100-share FTSE index at 1,770.7 — down 9.5 but above lows around 1,760.

Valuers had been marked down in London to try to find buyers a day after British base interest rates went up to 12 per cent.

That action represented a government move to pinch off an inflationary boom that, as imports surged, sent Britain's trade gap last month above \$3.5 billion, a record.

But Casey Flaherty, a trader at Yamaichi Securities in Tokyo, said: "It's not a panic sell-out." And share dealers elsewhere

mostly concurred in seeing too few buyers, not too many sellers. Investors are jittery lest interest rates now go up again in the United States, and in Japan, leading to a competitive round of increases that would crimp global economic expansion.

Rates

Stock markets have high interest rates. They mean more people keep their money in the bank, while dealer borrowing crimps demand for companies' products and puts up their costs.

The dollar closed in London today worth 1.0885 marks after 1.8658 yesterday.

The West Germans, in raising their discount rate from three to 3.5 per cent this week, wanted to make Deutschmark assets more attractive and stop a powerful rally of the dollar.

Money has been attracted to it this summer as US interest rates moved higher to deal with inflation in America. But a strong dollar puts up Europe's import bills.

Dealers

European currency dealers said it appeared that a cap had now been put on the dollar, for now. Its present value compares with 19-month highs at 1.92 marks earlier in August.

Big central bank dollar sales last week and this week helped drive it down, together with yesterday's European interest rate rises and a strong pledge to defend the mark by West German Bundesbank President Karl Otto Poehl.

"The mark is back in favour again after yesterday's events," said a senior currency dealer at a

large German bank. "The Bundesbank was incredibly forceful yesterday," added James O'Neill, fixed income economist at Swiss Bank Corp in London.

The dollar closed steady at 133.85 yen. Gold was little changed at a London afternoon setting of \$433.15 an ounce. Sterling was weaker at 75.6 on a Bank of England index against other key currencies after yesterday's closing 75.9.

In London the effect of weak sterling and a subsequent sharp rise in sterling money market rates was dampened by a higher trend on the New York stock market, and share prices stood well off their lows in late trading.

Dealers said trading was nervous throughout the day as the market grappled with the implications of yesterday's balance of payments and base rate news. But few market observers expect prices to drop much below current levels.

At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was down a net 11.5 points at 1,768.7 after a low of 1,759.7 at 1049 GMT. Volume, as was the case yesterday, was higher than of late at 358 million shares.

Nervous

Although the market was very nervous over the trend of interest rates, high institutional liquidity is expected to underpin the market.

"If investors haven't sold after all this bad news I can't see them selling at all," one analyst said.

"The market is obviously going to be sensitive to more bad news but I can't see a dramatic sell-off... certainly nothing like October's crash."

The three month sterling inter-bank rate, the guide to base rates, was quoted 3/8 point up at 12-5/16 3/16 on the weakness of sterling. Some investors are worried that the pound could drop in New York and Tokyo on Monday when the UK is on holiday.

Key

"Sterling is very much the key to what is going to happen to base rates, so the equity markets are going to keep a very close eye on the foreign exchange markets for some time to come... you can expect stocks to fall or rise along with the pound in the near term, one trader said.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson earlier today defended his policy of using interest rates to control inflation. He said credit controls, another method of controlling inflation, would "create distortions in the economy which cause far more problems than they cure... and would be largely ineffective."

Demand

Dealers said the effect of higher interest rates on the corporate sector is likely to be more strongly felt through the slowing in consumer demand, which is the ultimate aim of the rate rises, rather than in the direct cost of borrowing.

"I can see the fall-off in demand putting the retail and leisure sectors under pressure and, eventually, the building industry as well," an analyst said.

One building analyst said: "It looks like interest rates will hold at present levels for some time. Since many thought the housing market was near the top anyway, this could push it right off the

edge, with a resultant downturn in profits."

By 1530 GMT the building materials and construction sectors stood 2.1 per cent lower on the day while leisure stocks had shed 1.3 per cent and stores 2.3 per cent.

Cement group RMC dipped 12p to 454 and Blue Circle 12p to 428 while stores group GUS slumped 24p to 1,030 and Woolworth 5p to 250. Sears was again near the top of the active list with over 10 million shares changing hands for a 4p fall to 141.

BP part-paid shares were 2-1/2p down at 140 and topped the active list with over 11.2 million shares changing hands.

Stake

Aug 30 is the deadline for the second payment of 105p on the shares but they began trading divided and in a form which included this payment at the start of this week.

The Kuwait Investment Office, which has a stake of almost 22 per cent in BP, has confirmed it will be paying the second instalment due on its holding, which analysts said could cost it around £1.4 billion.

Jaguar was 12p off at 252 in reaction to an unexpectedly sharp fall in half-year pre-tax profits to £22.5 million from £37.7 million last year.

Forecasts had cooled around 30 million but currency movements made a bigger than expected dent in profits, dealers said.

The FTSE 100 index closed 9.5 points down at 1,770.7 as Wall Street held on to its earlier gains. Volume on the day was 415 million shares.

OPEC secretary-general to meet Sheikh Ali

Subroto leaves for Kuwait

VIENNA, Aug. 26, (KUNA): OPEC Secretary-General Dr Subroto left for Kuwait today at the start of a Gulf tour that will also take him to Iran and Iraq to discuss how to overcome the oil market glut and bolster flagging oil prices.

In Kuwait, Subroto, the former Indonesian oil minister will discuss current world oil market developments with Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa.

Subroto's Gulf tour is part of consultations with all OPEC countries prior to the organisation's ministerial conference on Nov 25.

In an interview with KUNA, Subroto called his visit to Kuwait "an appropriate lead" to his trips to Iraq and Iran, two key OPEC producers.

Hope

He expressed hope that Iran and Iraq will resolve differences about output quotas now that they have started a ceasefire.

Iraq had refused to adhere to its OPEC-decreed output share unless the share equalled Iran's 2.4 million barrels per day.

Both countries are expected to produce and add to the current market glut as post-war reconstruction starts.

Meanwhile, Subroto said the disagreement between Kuwait and Venezuela over the issue of condensates was being exaggerated.

In an exclusive interview with OPECNA, the secretary-general said the question of a definition of condensates was a general problem, rather than that of acrimony between the two OPEC member countries.

He noted that the production of condensates by OPEC countries had been increasing continuously.



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"We should be in a position to control this continuous increase because, after all, condensates are substitutes for crude oil," Subroto said.

Target

He added that one target before the Oct 10 meeting of the technical experts would be to arrive at a definition of condensates which would be acceptable to all and which could be applied uniformly.

Subroto had said in an interview last month that the experts had already had an "exhaustive discussion" of the technical terms.

He would visit all the 20 countries before the next ordinary meeting of the OPEC on Nov 21, he stated.

Already, he has visited five OPEC countries — United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Indo-

nesia, Venezuela and Ecuador — and two non-OPEC producers — Colombia and Mexico.

He is yet to visit OPEC countries Qatar, Algeria, Gabon, Libya and Nigeria.

Other non-OPEC states to be visited are Angola, China, Egypt, Malaysia and Oman.

Subroto said a completion of the visits to these OPEC and non-OPEC countries would facilitate an identification of problems and a follow-up of the expression of the political will displayed during the OPEC/non-OPEC meeting in Vienna last April.

The secretary-general said that in his visits so far, heads of state of OPEC member countries had encouraged the organisation to continue to seek oil market stability.

In addition, non-OPEC countries' heads of state had given assurance that they appreciated contact with OPEC and wanted to see a continuation of the dialogue between OPEC and non-OPEC.

Role

Mexico, in particular, had pledged to continue to play a leading role in bringing OPEC and non-OPEC countries closer, the secretary-general added.

He said both OPEC and non-OPEC countries saw the mutual benefit in achieving the objective of an \$18 crude price.

On the positive indications for a solution to the issue of production levels for Iraq and Iran, the secretary-general noted that past difficulties had been political in nature, being due mainly to hostilities between the two OPEC countries.

Lebanese pound continues to plunge

BEIRUT, Aug. 26, (Reuters): The Lebanese pound continued its fall against the dollar on Thursday as fears that an impasse over presidential elections could spark fresh fighting.

Bank dealers said the rush to buy dollars was triggered by pessimism over prospects for a quick election to pick a successor to President Amin Gemayel, whose term ends on September 23.

"The dollar may go up to 500 pounds soon. If there is no election it will go up even more. If parliament declares when the next session to elect a new president will be, it may stabilise for a while," one bank dealer said.

Rate

At midday, the Central Bank set the rate at 397.00/399.00 pounds to the dollar, compared with Wednesday's close of 275.90/379.00.

The Central Bank offered on Thursday to sell dollars at 398.00 pounds after the pound reached a rate of 415.00 to the dollar.

Bank sources said the Central Bank had sold nearly \$50 million since Monday, drawing up reserves estimated at \$1.5 billion, in an attempt to halt the slide.

The pound has been falling since last Thursday when parliament failed to obtain a quorum to elect a new president.

The pound, once one of the Middle East's strongest currencies, has lost more than 98 per cent of its international value since 1984 although it did recover somewhat earlier this year.

UK to tighten North Sea oil platform safety

LONDON, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Britain is to tighten offshore oil field safety following explosions last month on a North Sea platform which killed 167 men, the Department of Energy said today.

"Out of this disaster will come lessons which will have been learned," Peter Morrison, Minister of State for Energy, said. "The protection of lives is paramount."

A spokesman said the ministry was asking all North Sea offshore operators to present plans for emergency shut-off valves on underwater gas and oil pipelines.

Further measures might be taken, Morrison said.

System

Explosions and fire destroyed the Piper Alpha platform operated by Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum Corp. on July 6. It was the worst offshore oil disaster on record and it took about a month to cap the wrecked platform's blazing wells.

Many industry experts believe gas escaped from a pipeline leading to shore, fuelling the blaze after the first explosion at a gas compressor unit.

The ministry thinks the proposed backup system could prevent a repeat of the Piper Alpha disaster by isolating pipelines from platforms. But the industry is split on the technology's effectiveness.

Oil prices tumble on OPEC overproduction

NEW YORK, Aug. 26, (Reuters): US crude prices tumbled on Thursday after analysts in Europe and the United States said OPEC was stepping up oil production this month.

In the spot market, West Texas Intermediate fell 35 cents a barrel to \$15.30 for oil delivered in October.

Demand

Technical selling also helped push October crude oil futures 37 cents lower to \$15.31 a barrel — the biggest single-day decline in more than three weeks.

"It was a total disaster," said Shauman Barakat, analyst at Shearman Lehman Hutton Inc.

"OPEC production in August is around 19.5 million barrels per day and Iran rejected the idea of quota parity with Iraq."

The market started on a weak footing as the Wall Street Journal quoted two European consulting firms as saying that OPEC was pumping at well over 19 million BPD. The figure is far in excess of world demand for OPEC oil which, according to a recent Reuters survey, is around 18.2 million BPD.

"If inventories build much more, it could be serious," said Fraok Knuettel, analyst at Prudential Baebe Securities Inc.

Problems

Most of the excess OPEC production, according to Knuettel, comes from four large Gulf producers — Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE.

But Knuettel said the excess output from these four OPEC oil producers could go away very

quickly. "OPEC is trying to work out things," he said, referring to an OPEC price monitoring committee meeting expected in late September.

OPEC can solve some of its smaller problems such as excess output by the UAE and Venezuela, and crude oil production in the neutral zone between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, according to Charles Maxwell, senior energy strategist at Cyrus J. Lawrence Morgan Grenfell Inc.

But its efforts to maintain oil prices will depend on what Iraq does, Maxwell said.

Analysts said some of OPEC's excess output may be trimmed as a result of the ceasefire talks. In an interview with the Middle East Economic Digest released on Thursday, Iran's deputy oil

minister rejected the idea of quota parity with Iraq, which has no OPEC quota.

"It comes down to, will Iraq maintain production at current levels or not?" Maxwell said.

Iraq, according to Maxwell, has about four single-point mooring systems in Bahrain that could be activated to load as much as 200,000 BPD of oil each before export terminals damaged in the war with Iran are repaired.

Iraq is also building a pipeline through Saudi Arabia with the capacity to export more than one million BPD.

"If the pipeline is opened, OPEC oil prices could drop to around \$9 to 10 a barrel next year, from about \$14 currently," Maxwell said.

White House sees \$144b budget deficit in 1989

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26, (Reuters): The White House said yesterday the US budget deficit for the coming fiscal year remained low enough to avoid severe automatic spending cuts in most federal programmes in the run-up to the November elections.

But President Reagan warned that a spending spree by Congress during September and October could still trigger across-the-board programme cuts during the government's year beginning on October 1.

The White House report on the federal budget outlook for the government's year beginning on October 1 said the deficit would be \$144 billion.

Under the balanced budget law, across-the-board cuts would be triggered if the deficit exceeded \$146 billion.

Agreement

Reagan urged Congress to abide by the terms of a November 1987 budget agreement which set spending ceilings for both defence and social programmes.

"If the Congress sticks to its word, it will not trigger automatic cuts that are damaging to essential programmes upon which the American people depend," Reagan said in a statement.

The final decision on whether such cuts will be needed is to be

made on October 15, some three weeks before the November 3 presidential elections.

Thursday's estimate of a \$144 billion shortfall between federal revenues and outlays compares to the previous estimate of \$140 billion, made on July 28.

Spending

The new estimate reflects spending decisions made by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan since then.

The White House cautioned that congressional bills that would add \$1.3 billion to 1989 spending were already on the president's desk awaiting his signature into law.

One of these was the trade bill signed into law by Reagan on Tuesday.

It said bills to come that would add more than another \$700 million to 1989 spending would have to be offset by spending reductions ordered elsewhere in the budget.

Trend

The latest deficit report made no changes in earlier estimates of the performance of the US economy in the months ahead.

The latest deficit estimate would continue a downward trend in budgetary deficit that began in fiscal 1987. The deficit reached an all-time peak in fiscal 1986 when it surpassed \$220 billion.

of Iran, historically a bigger producer.

Yesterday, the Middle East Economic Digest quoted Iranian Deputy Oil Minister Hossein Khazempour Ardabili as saying: "By no can there be parity between Iran and Iraq output."

Towards the European close, North Sea Brent held, the most widely-traded international crude, was 25 cents lower at \$14.80, while key US grade, West Texas Intermediate, slipped 25 cents to \$15.30 a barrel. Leading

Mideast grade Dubai was down 20 cents at \$12.95 a barrel.

Latest spot oil prices — FOB, dollars per barrel.

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US personal income up as spending surge slows

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26, (AP): Americans' personal incomes climbed a healthy 0.6 per cent in July while consumer spending slowed from its breakneck pace of the previous month, the government reported today.

The Commerce Department said the increase in incomes matched a 0.6 per cent rise in June and would have been even stronger except for a drop in government subsidy payments to farmers.

Slower

Personal consumption spending, which includes virtually everything except interest payments on debt, rose 0.5 per cent in July, less than half the 1.1 per cent in June. The report attributed much of the slowdown to a decline in sales of new cars.

The slower consumer spending was seen as good news for the economy because of worries that demand this year has been out-

stripping the ability of factories to produce the goods, thus creating rising inflationary pressures.

The income gain looked particularly impressive because the key components, wages and salaries, shot up 1 per cent during the month, reflecting continued strong employment gains.

This was offset somewhat by a \$9-billion rate of decline for farm subsidy payments. Excluding these payments, which show extreme month-to-month volatility, personal incomes would have risen 0.8 per cent in July.

Americans' disposal, or after-tax incomes, rose 0.6 per cent in July, down only slightly from a 0.7 per cent June increase.

With incomes rising slightly faster than spending, the personal savings rate, savings as a percentage of disposal incomes, edged up to 4.3 per cent in July, compared to 4.2 per cent in June.

KD deposits rates steady

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were steady in a lacklustre market on Thursday, with reports of foreign banks seeking Treasury bills to get around an interest ceiling.

Dealers said they had seen little business in deposits, a situation typical for the day before the Gulf Friday weekend.

They said the market was still liquid with monthly salary payments that began entering the market on Saturday.

Overnight dealt at 1/2 per cent after being offered at one on Wednesday with no takers. Tomorrow next was also offered at one.

Dealers said foreign banks had

been buying Treasury bills as a way of getting around an interest ceiling on deposits.

Banks outside Kuwait are limited to interest rates of 5-1/4 on one and two months and 5-1/2 on three months, the dealers said, but by buying Treasury bills can receive yields closer to inter-bank rates.

Deposit rates were steady in the long periods, with one-month quoted at 6-1/4, six, three months at 6-3/8, 1/8 and six months at 6-7/8, 3/16.

The Central Bank adjusted the dinar-to-dollar exchange rate to 2.8512/22 from 2.8492/502 on Wednesday.

Plan to build power plant

ANKARA, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Turkey and Iran have agreed to build a power plant in eastern Turkey and share its output.

Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Fahrettin Kurt said on Thursday.

Kurt told reporters after a meeting with Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Azadeh that the power plant would run on Iranian natural gas to be carried by pipeline.

Terms of financing, location, capacity and output share would be discussed later by joint com-

mittees, Kurt said.

Power lines linking Turkey and Iran would be laid before work began on the plant itself, he said.

Azadeh said the project would be a turning point in economic and trade relations between Turkey and Iran.

Iran and Turkey have plans to build a crude oil pipeline from Ahvaz in southern Iran to Doryol on Turkey's Mediterranean coast and are discussing co-operation in petrochemicals.

Soviet reformers chip away at state banking monopoly

MOSCOW, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Soviet banking officials seeking to modernise a vital motor of the country's first co-operative bank.

This latest thrust at the state banking monopoly follows the recent formation of two commercial banks in Leningrad to provide credits and settlements of accounts for joint stock enterprises.

The co-operative bank, Soyuzbank, is based in the central Asian city of Chirchik. It is registered with Gosbank, the Soviet state bank, and has an authorised capital of one million roubles (\$1.6 million).

Permission

Soyuzbank was given permission to attract 20 million roubles (\$33 million) in deposits and set its own interest rates. It will also pay dividends to its shareholders.

The bank was created after the chairman of co-operative businesses in Chirchik complained they were spending almost half their working days queuing fruitlessly at state banks for loans.

Its chairman, B. Bektyayev, told the government newspaper Izvestia on Thursday that, unlike state banks, his institution was interested in its clients and the use of credit.

"And profits will depend on how the bank conducts its business," he added.

This is a radical departure from the old style of banking. Up to now, Soviet state enterprises have had no incentive to boost profits by cutting costs and raising productivity, and the role of banking has been limited.

Gosbank has mainly overseen the performances of enterprises and subsidised their losses.

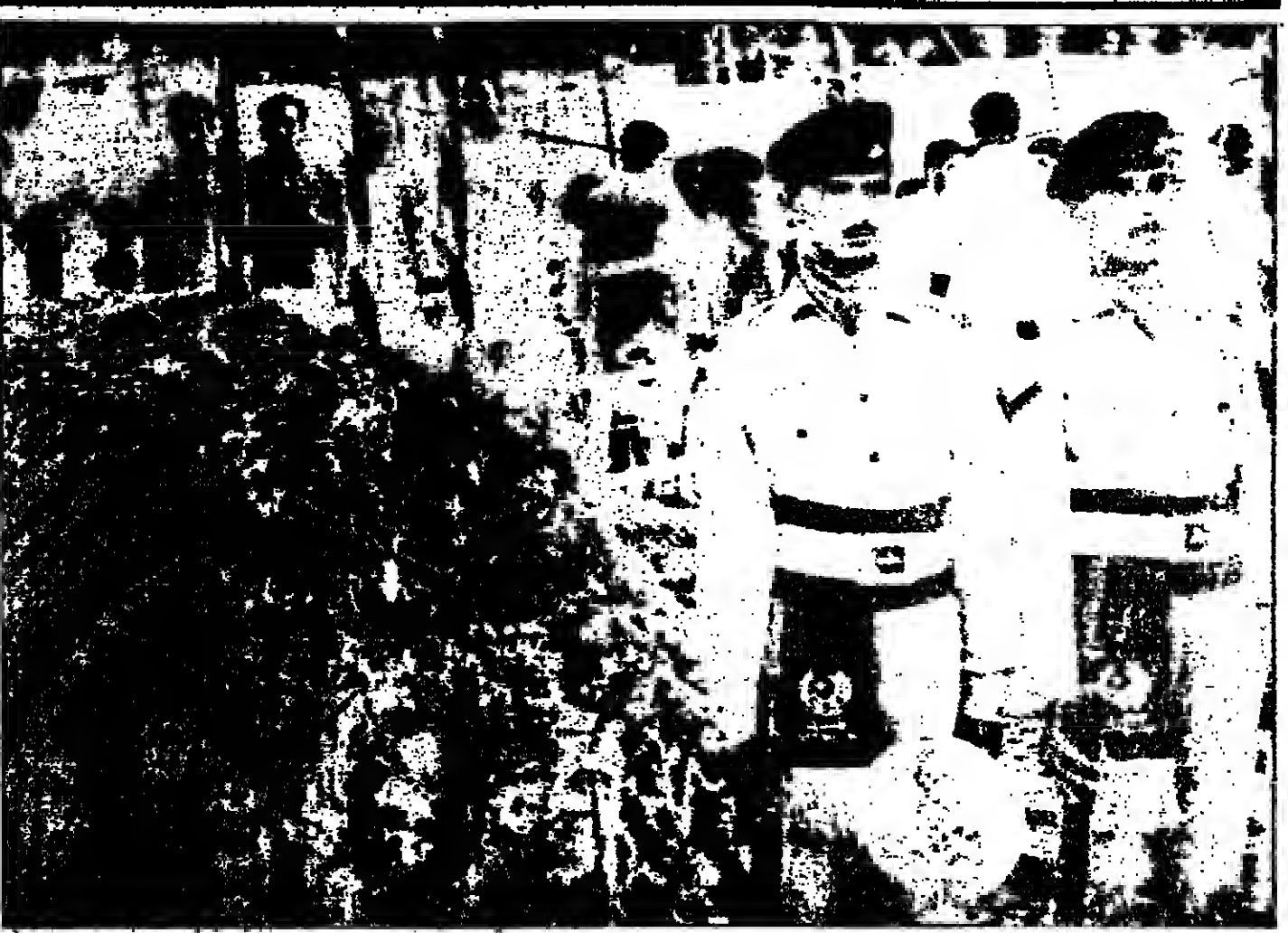
Western analysts expected the role of banking to grow in the Soviet Union as the concept of enterprises as self-supporting units operating on a profit-and-loss basis takes root under the economic reform plans of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Bektyayev said one of his bank's first loans was awarded to a co-operative which produced five tonnes of mushrooms a month but wanted to expand production fourfold and needed 100,000 roubles (\$160,000).

"Taking into consideration the quick turnover of capital and the solid profitability (of the firm), it was decided to open



UN Brigadier-General Venky Patil (third from right), commander of the United Nations military observer group in Iraq, is briefed by his staff.



ARMED soldiers stand guard at the grave of late Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq. Since his burial, hundreds of people have gathered every day at the grave to pray. (Reuters wirephoto)



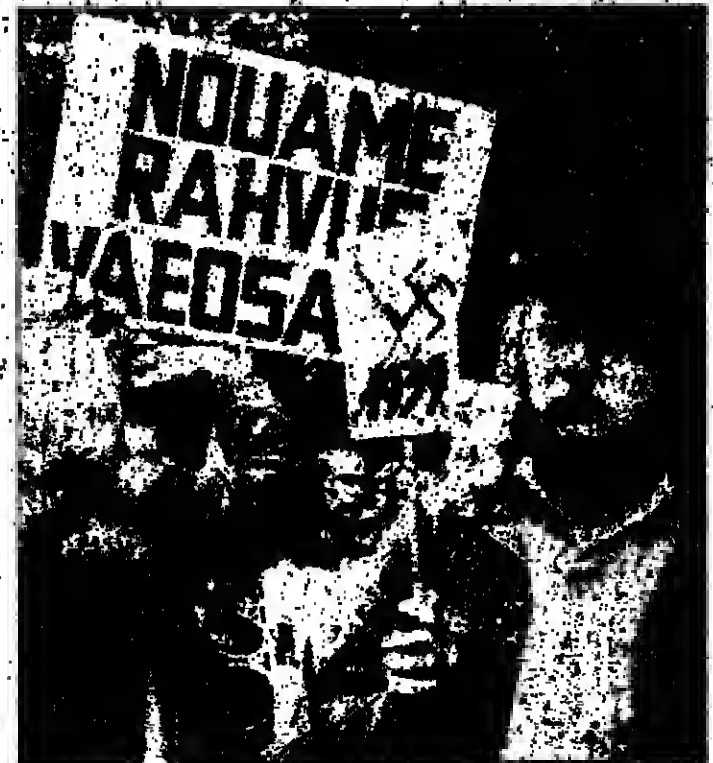
POLICE charge a youth in central Bilbao after Basque separatists tried to remove a Basque flag from the City Hall during the city's annual festival. (Reuters wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential candidate Michael Dukakis is joined by Pennsylvania Governor Robert Casey during a rally in Pittsburgh's Market Square. (Reuters wirephoto)



SENIOR Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping (right) greets Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita at the beginning of their talks in the Great Hall of the People. (Reuters wirephoto)



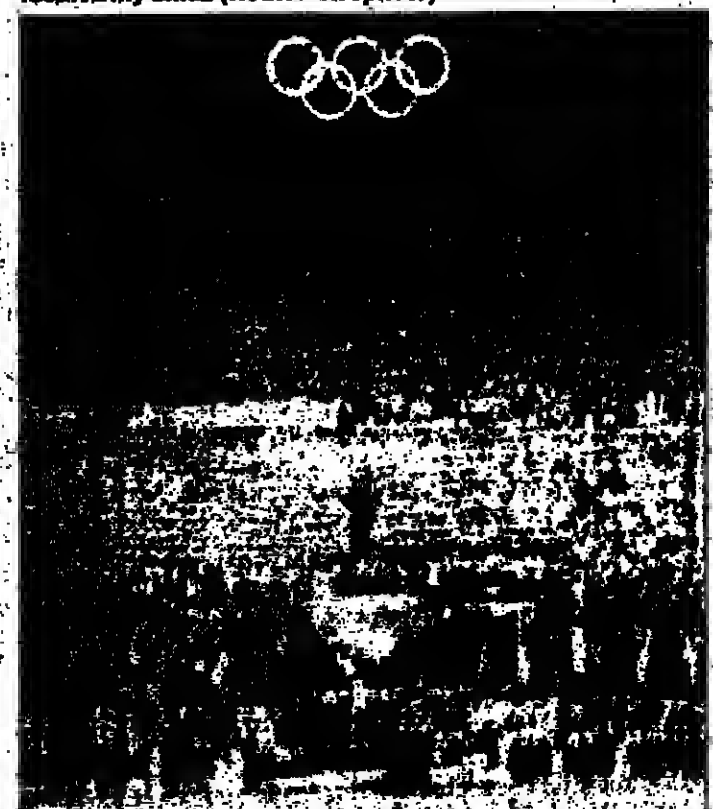
AN ESTONIAN youth carries a poster referring to the 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact during a pro-independence rally in Tallinn. The pact assigned the Baltic states to the Soviet sphere of influence. The poster asks for the creation of local Army units. (Reuters wirephoto)



YOUNG Burmese march on a downtown Rangoon street bearing a protest sign — Democracy. (Reuters wirephoto)



Stand by as a huge fire rages at a stylish shopping district in downtown Seoul. One person was killed and an entire street of department stores was gutted. (Reuters wirephoto)



The last Greek relay runner lights the cauldron as boys hold the flags of the 161 countries participating in the Seoul Games, in packed Panathlionic Stadium, restored for the first Olympics in 1896, at the ceremony of the handing over of the Olympic flame to the Seoul Olympic Committee. (Reuters wirephoto)



BURUNDIAN refugees arrive in Rwanda after the Army killed thousands of tribals. (Reuters wirephoto)

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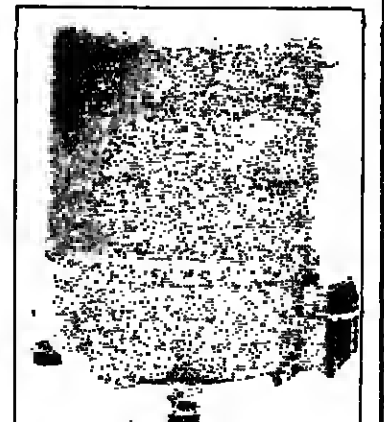
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برج سنبلہ
(۲۲ اگست تا ۲۳ ستمبر)

آپ کی زندگی میں بدقسمتیوں سے بھری ہوئی ہے۔ آپ کو بدقسمت اور بدنامی کا تجربہ ہے۔ اپنی دولت کی طرف سے آپ کو کڑی سزا ملے گی۔ آپ کو کھانا پکانے کی اپنی خوراک کا خیال نہ کرنا ہوگا۔

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برج میزان
(۲۳ ستمبر تا ۲۲ اکتوبر)

آپ کی ساری زندگی میں آپ کے لئے کچھ بھی نہیں ہے۔ آپ پھر کمرے میں اپنی اپنی دولت کی طرف سے کڑی سزا ملے گی۔ آپ کو کھانا پکانے کی اپنی خوراک کا خیال نہ کرنا ہوگا۔

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برج قزح
(۲۳ اکتوبر تا ۲۱ نومبر)

آپ ایک مرتبہ مجھ پر غلطی کر سکتے ہیں اس لئے
دو تین دو تین کو سوچتے رہیں کہ وہ آپ کو
دو سے تین تک غیر ضروری طور پر دے دے
جنگلہ ہوں۔ اعتدال سے کام لیں۔

برن قوس

(۲۲ نومبر ۱۹۶۳ء کو سیر)

آپ کو ایک غیر معمولی صورت حال سامنے
آئے گی آپ اس سے بخوبی نبرد آزما ہو سکتے ہیں۔
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برج نور

(۱۹ جون ۱۹۲۳ء)

آج کا دن آپ ابھی صبح میں کھڑے تھے کہ ایک آپس دیکھی ہے کام نہیں کر رہی ہیں وقت ضائع ہو جانے کی وجہ سے آپ کو گھٹ سے کام لینا پڑے۔ کوشش کریں کہ آپ کی شریک حیات کو طے نہ ہو۔ بعد وہی سے کام لیں

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
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برج سرطان

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

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 **برجی اسد**

(۲۲ جولائی ۱۳۶۱ء اگست)

آج آپ پر بحث رہیں گے اس سے پہلے کہ جہیز سے مطاب ہو کر ایک کام کریں۔ ایسا وہ اختیار کریں کہ کبھی آپ کو اس سے منال کم ہوں۔ کوئی تو ایسا کام ہے جسے آپ کو پسند نہیں آتا۔ فراموش نہ کریں۔

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برج جدی
 (۲۰ دسمبر ۱۹۳۲ء)
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برج دلو
 (۲۰ جنوری تا ۲۸ فروری)
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برج حوت
 (۱۹ فروری تا ۱۹ مارچ)

خود کو اس خرقی جیسی ستلا کر کریں کہ بچہ اسی طرح سے بھیس کر آپ چاہے ہیں۔ یہ میلان برپا ہوتے ہوئے زیادہ آسان رہتا ہے۔ ماسٹریکٹر نہ ہونے دیں۔

برون محل

(۲۰ ماہ پر ۱۸ ماہ پر)

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محل و دانش

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 پر جو بیڑی سادات ہوئے۔
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سیکڑوں بڑیا لیاں نے پوس کے ساتھ مقابلہ
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۲۸۵ - ۵۰۰	(فی ہزار)	اسرائیلی ڈالر
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W.GERMAN STAR FULLY FIT AFTER TWO-WEEK REST

Becker crushes Arias on return



Becker: proved his fitness

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug. 26, (Reuters): Boris Becker pronounced himself fully fit after a two-week rest for his battered feet and thrashed Jimmy Arias to prove his point in a first-round match at the \$190,000 Hamlet Challenge Cup yesterday.

Becker, who pulled out of the Canadian Open after winning in Indianapolis earlier this month, took just 66 minutes to beat the unseeded American 6-4 6-2.

Injured

The West German, ranked fifth in the world, claimed there had been too much talk about his injured feet.

"If I wasn't 100 per cent I wouldn't be here," he said.

Becker had only one shaky service game against Arias, who dropped in rankings to 139th since being sidelined with a shoulder injury.

But Becker erased a 15-40 deficit in the fourth game of the match and then romped to victory to join second-seeded American Andre Agassi, fourth-seeded Yannick Noah of France

and unseeded Jim Courier as other first-round winners yesterday.

The 18-year-old Courier, a former Orange Bowl and junior Italian Open champion, knocked off sixth-seeded Henri Leconte of France 7-6 (8-6) 6-3 to advance.

Agassi, fourth in the world, overcame early service problems to beat compatriot David Pate 6-7 (5-7) 6-4 6-4.

Noah, ahead 2-1 in the third set when rain halted his match on Wednesday, finished off Slobodan Prizmic of Yugoslavia 6-3 6-7 (2-7) 6-3.

Becker returned home to West Germany to have his sore feet examined and said the time off was just what he needed.

"I not only saw the doctor but I had a good rest for two weeks," he said. "When I got here on Saturday I was fresh and ready to play again."

Those two weeks were good for me," Becker broke Arias' service in the opening game and except for

the fourth game when he had to rally on service, was never threatened.

Arias gave the two-time Wimbledon champion good marks but not a perfect rating.

"He volleyed well and got to the net well, but from the baseline he could have been a little better," Arias said.

Becker acknowledged that he had misfired on some groundstrokes, but said: "For a first match after being away I thought I played well."

Saved

Defending champion Jonas B. Svensson, the seventh seed, saved a match point before winning the last three points of the third-set tiebreaker for a 6-2 1-6 7-6 (8-6) victory over his fellow-Swede Mikael Pernfors in the final match of the day.

In the quarterfinals, Becker plays Israeli Amos Mansdorf, top seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia faces Swede Anders Jarryd, Svensson meets the second-seeded Agassi, and Courier plays Noah.



Graf: annoyed by her teammate

Graf blasts Hanika for semifinal spot

MAHWAH, N.J., Aug. 26, (Reuters): Steffi Graf defeated her Olympic tennis teammate Sylvia Hanika at the Mahwah Classic yesterday and afterwards lashed out against tactics employed by her West German compatriot.

Graf, who crushed Hanika 6-2 6-1 to reach the semifinals, was pleased by the score but not with the actions of her opponent, who continually delayed play between the points to wipe her face and clean her glasses during the humid evening.

Wiping

"I have fun playing tennis but you don't enjoy playing when your opponent takes so much time wiping off her glasses and walking around," said the world's number one player.

"She was doing it on purpose."

Despite losing just three games, it took Graf one hour 22 minutes to record her 26th successive match victory. The 19-year-old said Hanika's persistent delays "destroy tennis."

Hanika took offence at Graf's criticism.

"I think that that comment is stupid," said Hanika. "It's not

what you do between the points, it's how you play when the point begins."

Hanika argued that she was within the rules that require play to start 30 seconds after the completion of each point.

"Everyone has the right to play the way she wants as long as it doesn't break the rules," said the 28-year-old Hanika.

Graf next meets the winner of a quarterfinal this evening between third seed Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia and American Stephanie Rehe, the eighth seed.

Against

In the other quarters, fifth seed Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria will play unseeded Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden and fourth seed Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union will go against Nathalie Tauziat of France, another non-seed.

Maleeva and Tauziat both advanced with one-hour victories yesterday.

Argentine Bettina Fulco 6-0 6-2, while Hanika defeated qualifier Julie Halard in an all-French match, 6-4 6-1.

Gardner needs victory to keep title hopes alive

BRNO, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Australian Wayne Gardner will start Sunday's Czechoslovak Motorcycling Grand Prix knowing nothing short of victory can preserve his hopes of keeping his world 500cc title from arch-rival Eddie Lawson.

Gardner has turned in a series of gritty rides this season despite big handling problems with his Honda, and a repeat of his victory last year on the modern Brno track would just keep him in touch with Lawson's Yamaha.

But the odds are stacked against him. Lawson, who is equally determined to regain the 500cc title he lost to Gardner last year, can take an unbeatable championship lead if he wins on Sunday and the Australian fails to score.

Already Lawson has won six races this season to Gardner's three. And crucially he has lived up to his nickname of 'Steady Eddie', by backing up his wins with other, strong, placings, to maintain a consistent momentum.

His 23 points lead over Gardner's 13.

Chances

A finish in the points behind Lawson would, theoretically, keep Gardner's title chances alive for the remaining two races. But he would be so far adrift as to have virtually no chance in reality. Gardner's form has been patchy with recent outings marked by a series of high-speed practice and race tumbles.

Sunday's race on the Brno circuit, which swoops in a series of medium-speed corners through a pine forest, is the last in Europe this year. If Lawson and Gardner should falter, American Wayne Rainey on a Yamaha is among the favourites. Following his maiden Grand Prix win at the British round earlier this month.

In the 250cc event Spaniard Sito Pons will defend his championship lead from compatriot Juan Garriga. But reigning world champion Toni Mang will be missing. The West German, who won at Brno last year, announced his immediate retirement last week after a miserable season capped by a serious fall from his Honda at the Yugoslav Grand Prix.

On Sunday 125cc bikes and the sidecars will also race while tomorrow the 80cc riders will have their last outing of the year. Spaniard Jorge Martinez has already won the title on his Derbi.

FIFA to decide on Iraq and Iran ban in December

ZURICH, Aug. 26, (KUNA): A decision on whether to lift a ban on international football matches being played in Iran and Iraq will be made by the sport's governing body on December 1. Guido Tognoni, spokesman for the International Federation of Football Associations, FIFA, told KUNA that an executive committee session would decide on what action would be taken.

"We have to see whether the ceasefire is holding and what happens between now and then," he commented.

Recently

He noted that a request to lift the ban on matches in Iraq had been received recently from the president of the Kuwait Football Association, Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed.

FIFA regulations do not allow international soccer matches to be played in countries at war, and nations in conflict are obliged to play all home matches in a third nation.

"If the executive committee lifts the ban, then this would apply to both Iran and Iraq," he stressed.

Graf and Swedes seek US Open win

NEW YORK, Aug. 26, (Reuters): A slam-bang time may be in the offing as Steffi Graf and a slew of Swedes seek victory in the last of the tennis year's major championships—the rich and raucous US Open.

Graf could wind up with the elusive Grand Slam, while the Swedes could collectively have the men's equivalent when all is done at the Open, which starts on Monday in the brash atmosphere of the National Tennis Centre in Flushing Meadows.

Noisy crowds, low-flying jet planes, hustle and bustle and a general lack of genteel etiquette set this spectacle apart from the Australian, French and Wimbledon Tests that precede.

Strong

But a contagious energy also marks the scene and the pace of New York City, whose skyline looms over the brim of Louis Armstrong stadium above centre court, is as strong here.

Distractions aside, the pace should suit the women's favourite at the Open, which offers more than \$4 million in prize money.

Graf, the precocious West German, seems always in a hurry. Quick to fire a forehand

down the line, lightning fast to find the angle to end a point, she is now eager to snatch the last jewel of the Grand Slam crown while still in her teens.

Victory on these hard courts, and over the pledges of a "Stop Steffi" campaign by deposed queen Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert and Gabriela Sabatini, would put Graf's name alongside American Maureen Connolly (1953) and Australian Margaret Court (1970) as the only women to achieve the feat.

While Graf, loser of just one set during a 26-match winning streak leading up to the Open, is the solid women's choice, the men's title seems up for grabs.

Ivan Lendl is again top seed in his 'local' tournament in his adopted country. The Czechoslovak, who lives luxuriously in nearby Greenwich, Connecticut, is gunning for his fourth straight Open title—unprecedented in the men's open era.

But Lendl has been off form this year.

He has failed to reach the finals of any Grand Slam event, losing in the semifinals on the Australian hardcourts and on Wimbledon grass, and falling in the

French Open quarterfinals on the red clay of Roland Garros.

Lendl, who is closing in on Jimmy Connors' record reign as world number one, has been hearing the footsteps of Stefan Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg.

Wilander, world number two, won the first two majors, and Edberg, now ranked third, followed by winning Wimbledon.

While Graf's accomplishment would certainly be more significant, the Swedish slam would also be a first. The great Bjorn Borg, after all, never won the US Open crown.

Joining Wilander and Edberg in patriotic pursuit will be 13th seed Jonas Svensson, 15th-seeded Anders Jarryd, Joakim Nystrom, Peter Lundgren and Mikael Pernfors among others.

Battered

Also high on the list of contenders is Boris Becker of West Germany, the fifth seed, who says he is fit after a two-week rest for his battered feet but who is still smarting from his loss in the Wimbledon final to Edberg.

Old favourites Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe, who possess nine Open titles between

them, are back for another try but the American most likely to succeed in capturing the hearts of the local rosters, is blond-maned teenager Andre Agassi.

The charismatic Agassi, 18, burst onto the scene by winning six tournaments this year—the most on the Grand Prix circuit—and has rocketed from 25th to fourth in the world.

If hardcourt records are any indication, then Wilander may be a good bet. The 24-year-old Swede has lost only one of 22 matches on the surface this year.

Becker is next best with a 11-1 record, while Lendl is 11-2.

Missing from the draw is world number seven Pat Cash, sidelined by an Achilles tendon injury. McEnroe was elevated to 16th seed after the Australian's withdrawal.

If form holds true, the semifinals will match Lendl and Agassi, with Wilander against Edberg in the other.

On the women's side, the semifinals should have Graf against Evert, and Navratilova versus Sabatini, who has handed Graf her only two defeats in 54 matches this year.

Singles champions will earn \$275,000 for their efforts.

France struggle to continue unbeaten run

PARIS, Aug. 26, (Reuters): A disappointing French side struggled to continue their unbeaten run in 1988 when they drew 1-1 with Czechoslovakia in a friendly international on Wednesday.

Young striker Stephane Paille gave France the lead in the 52nd minute but Jan Daniek grabbed a deserved equaliser for the visitors 10 minutes from time.

Suggested

France reached the last four of the past two World Cup finals but the evidence of this match suggested they will do well to qualify for the next finals in Italy in 1990.

Trainer Henri Michel opted for youth and inexperience in their solitary warm-up match before the first qualifier against Norway in Paris on September 28.

But there was little in his team's performance to offer him any better idea than to push the panic button.

Senna fastest in Belgian practice

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, Aug. 26, (AP): Ayrton Senna of Brazil captured the provisional pole position for the Belgian Grand Prix by posting the fastest time in today's qualifying session.

Senna toured the 6.940-kilometre circuit through the East Belgian countryside in 1 minute, 53.718 seconds, averaging almost 219.701 kph.

Senna's McLaren-Honda team-mate Alain Prost of France was second behind Senna with a lap of 1:54.128. The Ferraris of Gerhard Berger of Austria and Michele Alboreto of Italy were next in at 1:54.582 and 1:55.665.

Holds

The top four cars are equipped with turbo-charged engines.

If Senna holds onto the top qualifying spot after tomorrow's second session, it will be the ninth time this season he will start from the inside position.

Senna and Prost are tied in the drivers' standings after 10 races this season with 66 points apiece, although Senna has won six



Senna takes provisional pole position.

(Photo by Colin Taylor Productions)

Belgium's Thierry Boutsen, 1:57.455, in a Benetton-Ford.

Patrese's team-mate, Nigel Mansell of Britain, is missing the Belgian Grand Prix because of a secondary infection of the chicken pox he suffered two weeks ago at the Hungarian GP.

His place is being taken by another Briton, Martin Brundle, who came in 12th in 1:58.206.

United can threaten Liverpool: Charlton manager

LONDON, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Charlton manager Lennie Lawrence is under no illusions that his team can threaten English soccer champions Liverpool when the new season begins tomorrow, but he believes Manchester United could.

As his squad prepare for their daunting opening day fixture against Liverpool, Lawrence put aside Charlton's injury and financial worries to assess the battle for the League title.

"I think United will mount a serious challenge," said Lawrence, whose view is partly based on his high regard for Old Trafford manager Alex Ferguson. "I don't think they could have appointed anybody better to put them back at the top."

Buyers

"Fergie knows what it's like to be a winner. He did it all with Aberdeen and he has made some good buys at United."

"They now have two outstanding strikers in Mark Hughes and Brian McClair. Jim Leighton is one of the best goalkeepers in Britain, and they still have Bryan Robson."

With Ian Rush back, Lawrence believes Liverpool will be "as good and possibly better" than last season. But he added: "I think it's feasible United, Everton, Arsenal or maybe Nottin-

gham Forest could win it.

That opinion will clearly cut no ice with Kenny Dalglish as he ponders whether to reintroduce himself to the First Division. But for Lawrence there is the more pressing problem of trying to fill gaps caused by injuries. Welsh international striker Andy Jones is ruled out by a stomach muscle injury and Garth Crooks is doubtful with a knee problem.

Manchester United have injury problems for their opening fixture at Queen's Park Rangers and left-back Lee Martin, 20, will make his first full appearance.

Martin plays because of injuries to Norman Whiteside, Mike Duxbury, Viv Anderson and Colin Gibson, while Rangers are expected to include new signings Ossie Ardiles and Mark Stein in their squad.

Revamped Tottenham have been struggling defensively and Coventry hope to cash in with a five-man front line at White Hart Lane. Cyrille Regis, Dave Speedie and Gary Bannister lead the attack flanked by David Smith and Micky Gynn.

"I'm using two wingers," said manager John Silleet. "In my playing days as a fullback I used to bat wingers who ran the ball at me, so I thought I would try to make it uncomfortable for



Robson

Spurs are without suspended Paul Stewart, the striker they signed from Manchester City for £1.7 million (\$2.8 million).

Luton manager Ray Harford, who has tipped Steve Williams to



McClair

become one of the most influential players in the First Division this season, will be looking for great things from his summer signing at Sheffield Wednesday.

The former England midfielder cost Luton £300,000

SQUASH

Harris stuns Nancarrow for semifinals

AUCKLAND, Aug. 26, (Reuters): England's Del Harris provided the main talking point at the New Zealand Open squash tournament today when he reached the semifinals with an impressive win over number eight seed Tristan Nancarrow of Australia.

Harris, 19, who had never before past the quarterfinal stage of a Grand Prix tournament, continued where he left off in the second round when he had toppled fourth seed and defending champion Rodney Martin of Australia to straight games.

Nancarrow won their previous encounter with ease but on this occasion was no match for Harris, who won 9-4 9-0 in 36 minutes.

The Englishman will now meet second-seeded Chris Dittmar of Australia, who was detained on court rather longer than expected by dogged countryman Chris Robertson before winning 9-4 10-8 10-8.

Opponent

Top-seed Jansher Khan of Pakistan made a number of errors but overcame Jamie Hickox of England 9-7 9-5 9-7. His semifinal opponent will be three-time champion Ross Norman of New Zealand, who beat number six seed Ross Thorne of Australia 6-9 9-3 9-3 9-6.

The leading women's seeds, Susan Devoy of New Zealand and England's Lisa Opie, remained on course for Sunday's final by cruising through their quarterfinals.

The one upset in the women's event was provided by New Zealander Joanne Williams, who ousted third-seeded Australian Liz Irving 9-2 0-9 9-5-9-6.

Williams will now meet Opie while Devoy tackles England's Martine Le Moignan in tomorrow's semifinals.

Green drops charges against Tyson

NEW YORK, Aug. 26, (Reuters): Mitch 'Blood' Green dropped assault charges yesterday against world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson stemming from their Harlem street fight early on Tuesday morning.

Green, who received five stitches over his nose after his run-in with Tyson outside an all-night boutique, said he was dropping charges because Tyson had agreed to give him a rematch.

Suffered

No one in the Tyson camp would confirm an agreement had been made. Neither Tyson, who suffered a hairline fracture of his right hand in the skirmish, nor his manager, Bill Cayton, were available for comment.

Green, who lost a 10-round decision against Tyson two years ago at Madison Square Garden, told reporters outside Harlem's 25th police precinct: "As of now I'm dropping charges because he guaranteed me a title fight." Green added that all he had to do was get himself ranked in the top 10 again to ensure his title shot.

Foreman stops Mijangoes

FORT MYERS, Florida, Aug. 26, (AP): Former heavyweight champion George Foreman stopped Lado Mijangoes of Mexico in the second round before about 2,500 spectators at the Fort Myers Civic Centre last night.

The fight was stopped at 2:42 of the second round after Mijangoes, 27-3, was knocked down by a punch to the jaw.

The 40-year-old Foreman, 56-2, has won 11 consecutive fights since making a comeback to the ring last year.

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